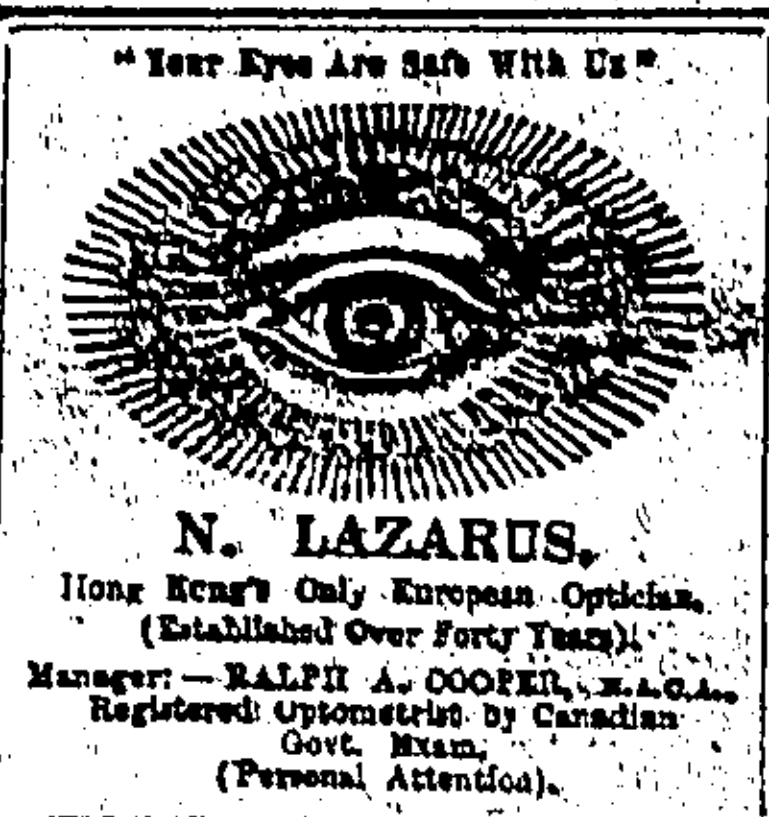


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Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	1.50	3.10	3.35	5.00
TaipeiMarketDep.	7.20	8.45	9.50	10.40	12.40	1.55	3.15	3.40	5.05
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	2.05	3.25	3.50	5.15
Shuangshui ...Dep.	7.45	9.10	10.15	11.05	13.05	2.20	3.40	4.05	5.30
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Shuangshui ...Dep.	7.33	8.19	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	4.48	5.58	6.33
Fanning ...Dep.	7.50	8.36	10.48	—	11.49	3.10	4.53	6.00	—
TaipeiMarketDep.	7.40	8.26	10.58	—	12.00	3.21	5.02	6.10	—
Taipei ...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.07	6.15	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.20	6.25	—
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Yauwatt ...Dep.	8.17	9.02	11.31	—	11.49	12.37	5.58	6.48	7.04
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SIR JOHN SIMON ON SLAVERY.

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Sir John Simon, interviewed by the *Manchester Guardian* on his return from South America, expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the protest against slavery in Sierra Leone Protectorate so far as he had been able to learn the details of the new ordinance, and said his own keen interest and action in the matter largely arose from the enthusiasm of Lady Simon as a member of the Committee of the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society.

"There is a widespread feeling that the whole crusade against slavery is complete, and that nothing worth doing remains to be done," said Sir John. "That is a very serious error. I hope we are in a fair way now to remove what remains of slavery, however mild its form, from British Protectorates. It has not, of course, existed in any British colony since 1833, but a Protectorate, strictly speaking, is not British soil, though in Africa the line between colony and protectorate is extremely thin. Yet, however mild any form of slavery may be, it cannot be divorced from incidents which British opinion, once it is aware of them, will never tolerate. Moreover the existence anywhere of slavery necessarily involves or encourages slave trading, and to abolish slave trading you must abolish slavery."

Portuguese, Tropical Colonies.—"Take the case of the Portuguese colonies. In 1815 the Portuguese Government agreed, without a grant from the British Treasury by way of compensation, to limit its share in the slave trade to the West Coast of Africa, south of the Equator, and made fair promise of total abolition in the near future. But I have a clear recollection of the evidence in the Cadbury case, in which I was counsel, eighteen years ago, of the horrible methods by which labour was obtained from the mainland for the Portuguese crown plantations on the islands of St. Thomé and Príncipe, which, as a mere matter of geography, are not south of the Equator, though St. Thomé is just on it, and the report made to the League of Nations by Professor Ross, an American investigator on the spot, in June, 1925, gives no ground for thinking that the methods of recruiting what is euphemistically called 'contract' in those parts is any less abominable."

"Portugal enjoys a British guarantee for the integrity of the Portuguese colonies, but I do not believe that British public opinion would tolerate the continuance of this guarantee if it were found to be supporting a state of affairs barely distinguishable from slavery. This opinion is not an eccentricity of my own. Lord Cromer said much the same thing in 1912, and Sir Edward Grey, as Foreign Minister, told the Portuguese representative to his face that his information placed it beyond doubt that it had been the custom in Portuguese Africa for natives to be captured in the interior by people who were really slave dealers. The one satisfactory feature seems to be that natives in Portuguese East Africa are migrating in large numbers to the Nyasaland Protectorate to escape the oppression. In China."

"Then again in China, there are not less than 2,000,000 slaves, and there is evidence that girl slaves are bought and sold in many towns. In Arabia there are regular slave markets. Abyssinia is a hotbed of slave trade."

"The idle nigger theory." "All this makes me feel that it is a great thing to clear out any remnants of slavery from areas which Britain can directly control. By so doing we strengthen the hands of all who are working for the final abolition of slavery throughout the world."

"For those who dismiss all this as impracticable sentiment, I would add a practical point. Everything that raises the status of the coloured races increases the trade of the world. Sierra Leone, with a population little short of that of the Gold Coast, has a trade turnover scarcely more than one-sixth of the Gold Coast. Sir Ranford Slater

(Continued at foot of next column.)

NIGHT LIFE IN PARIS.

CHANGED SINCE THE WAR.

HOW "LES GIRLS" ARE LOOKED AFTER.

Montmartre and the Quartier Latin have changed since the war. Night life in Paris is crowded with new excitements. The wine is worse, the dancing crazier pervades the cafés. Famous old rendezvous are now deserted, but modern ones in increasing number crop up like mushrooms. The multiplication of "dancings" has changed the habits of both natives and visitors.

Nobody knows modern Paris better than Mr. Ralph Nevill, author of "Paris of To-day." He has now published a further interesting volume, "Days and Nights in Montmartre and the Latin Quarter" (Herbert Jenkins). He writes: "Montmartre, the Parisian open-air admits, has become little more than a pleasure fair, run for the purpose of exploiting English and American visitors."

Lively Interludes.

"There are still lively interludes and rows but the police are not asked to interfere. The proprietors of night resorts are quite ready to let visitors from abroad smash anything they like, provided they know that the damage will be paid for, with something to spare." Mr. Nevill gives a warning, however: "Paris at night is none too safe a place for a young man with plenty of money and not too much sense, a large number of disreputable characters of both sexes being always on the look-out for victims from whom money is to be obtained."

The exhibition of these resorts are not provided by the French; they are almost invariably executed by men and girls of English and American nationality.

"There are no troupes of French dancing girls in Paris. Beauty is not an indispensable quality, but dancing girls must have impeccable legs and ankles." "Les Girls," as they are announced on the programmes, are the rage in revues.

Girls' Hostel.

"There is in Paris 'The Theatre Girls' Hostel,' where about forty English dancing girls sleep and 300 or 400 find home comforts. The chaplain of St. George's English Church in Paris, who is also chaplain of the Actors' Church Union, supervises."

"The stage in Paris, never having been associated with rigid virtues, the Parisians cannot quite understand the austere moral tone affected by theatrical damsels from across the Channel."

Mr. Nevill quotes the comment of a cynical French journalist which neatly expresses the Parisian point of view.

"Formerly, when a Lothario among the audience sent a dancer some flowers and a note, the latter was not apt to resent his proposals. To-day, if any one ventures to send a note to an English girl he ought to realise that it will have to be passed by a clergyman, who will not allow the damsel under his charge to reply to anything which is not a proposal of marriage."

The author does not hesitate to reveal the dark side of life in Montmartre. He tells of the souteurs, the bullies, the harpists that prey on the demi-mondaines, and the night resorts.

Dancing Partners.

He tells of the young men dancing partners, and the "skittish old ladies" who take a fancy to them and are fools enough to marry them. Many elderly women are seen at the Montmartre dancing places loaded with jewellery. This he regards as one result of the war, priceless gems once belonging to the aristocracy now being in plebeian hands. "Only a short time ago a Russian princess, obliged to eke out a living by spreading over the cloakroom at a Montmartre cabaret, recognized her historic necklace of diamonds decorating the neck of a high-Soviet official's wife who had been the princess's cook in St. Petersburg."

and his colleagues have promoted a programme of development of Sierra Leone which ought to make an immense difference. The higher the civil status of the native the larger grow his wants and the more keenly he labours to supply them. I do not believe much in the theory about the 'idle nigger.'"

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

St. Nicolas Day.
Annual Sale of Work for Blind Home, Kowloon, at Helena May Institute, 10 a.m.—6 p.m.
Chinese Chamber of Commerce meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Garrison Football League: H.Q. v. K.O.S.B. v. 20th H. Bty. R.A.; H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B. v. 12th H. Bty. R.A. Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m. and Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club XI v. K.O.S.B., King's Park, 5 p.m.
Lecture on Christian Science, by Dr. John M. Tutt, C.S.B., of Kansas City (Members of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts), Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.
C.E.M.S. (St. John's Cathedral Branch) meeting at Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m. Speaker: Rev. A. D. Stewart, M.A., Subject: "Christ, the Politician."
After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
St. Peter's Young Men's Club opening dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.
Dockyard-Recreation Club whist—drive and dance, Seamen's Institute, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Alias the Deacon."
World Theatre: "The Black Pirate."
Star Theatre: "Manhandled."
Principal Mails: Inward: U.S.A., etc. and Europe via Siberia (President Pierce); Europe via Siberia (Portland). Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (Portland), 2.30 p.m.; Canada, America, etc., Europe via Vancouver B.C., and via Siberia (Empress of Canada), 6 p.m.

Wednesday.

Nominations close for Sanitary Board vacancy, 1 p.m.
Official opening of New Territories Agricultural Show, Tung Ying Hok Po, Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.
Fanning Hunt: Meet at Hunters' Arms, 2.45 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.
H.K. Football League: Division I: Scots Guards v. R.A.F. Hockey: Club XI v. K.O.S.B., U.S.R.C., 4.45 p.m.
H.K. Rationalist Press Association: Lecture by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest on the "Historicity of Jesus," Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 5.30 p.m.
Billiards Tournament, European Y.M.C.A., 6.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
H.K. Philharmonic Society final dress rehearsal of "Merrie England," Theatre Royal, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Alias the Deacon."
World Theatre: "The Black Pirate."
Star Theatre: "Manhandled."

Thursday.

Great Snow (Ta-shueh).
Cathedral Women's Workers' Guild: Address by the Rev. G. H. Hewitt on "The Church of England in the 19th Century," St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.
Committee meeting, 10.30 a.m.
New Territories Agricultural Show, Tung Ying Hok Po, Sheung Shui.
Extraordinary General Meeting, Prince's Building and Land Co., Ltd., Prince's Building, 4.15 p.m.
Garrison Football League: B. Coy. K.O.S.B. v. H.Q. 1 K.O.S.B.; R.A.O.C. v. D. Coy. K.O.S.B.; Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.
Hockey: Army v. Combined Teams of 5/2nd Punjab Regt. and Hong Kong S.B.R.A., 3.30 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. v. H.K.S.R.A. III, Marina Ground, 5 p.m.
After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
H.M.S. Ambrose Fancy Dress Carnival Dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant.
Queen's Theatre: "Don Juan."
World Theatre: "For Heaven's Sake."
Star Theatre: "Oh! What a Nurse."

Friday.

Principal Mails: Inward: U.S.A., Canada, etc. (Empress of Russia); Europe via Suez (Maree), Outward: Europe via Siberia (Maree), 5 p.m.
China Underwriters' Meeting, St. George's Building, noon.

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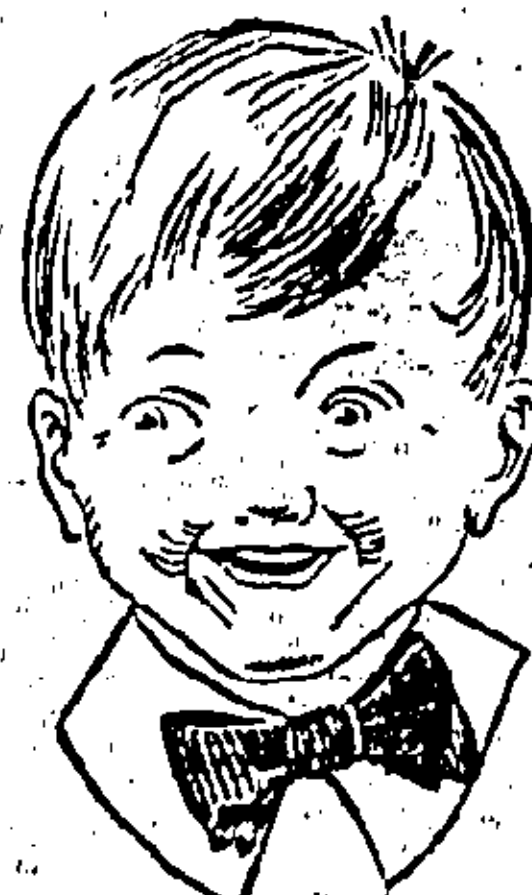
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TIMES OF TROUBLE IN KIANGSI.

GOOD TROOPS REPLACED BY CORPS OF RASCALS.

THE PEOPLE'S DESIRE FOR DAYS OF OLD.

Yushan, Ki., Nov. 19th.
Soon after the Manchu Emperor was driven from the throne and unrest began to manifest itself in different places all over the country, one often heard the people cry:— "If only matters had gone on as they were! We were much happier and more peaceful under the old regime! Of course, that was the cry of the majority of ordinary citizens."

Just now, writes a *North China Daily News* correspondent, after a year or more of this second revolution, old and young, rich and poor, wise and simple, all join in the cry:— "Oh, that we were back in the days of the first revolution!" Things are going from bad to worse, and a few, who are trying to better matters, are getting weary and discouraged. Louder still are raised the voices of those who have come back in great numbers from the front, and from Nanking. They went out full of enthusiasm; they came back thoroughly disillusioned. Some who have been in Kwangtung for years have returned.

Military Tyrants.

We have been almost tried beyond endurance during the past three weeks. We had just got rid of a band of soldiers, who had behaved very well, when a band of the Special Police Army arrived, and took up their residence on our premises, together with a number of soldiers. Because Kiangsi has been in a turmoil for so long, the commandant of this Special Police Force (an organization recently created) took up his headquarters at Kuangsin, to look after things in north-east Kiangsi. They were a law to themselves, took no orders from Nanchang, and were to control all the affairs in these parts, supervising the ordinary police and any troops passing through. They soon misused their power, and sent their representatives, a small official and a number of soldiers, to each "hsien" city, ostensibly to forbid and exterminate gambling, opium-selling, and all houses of ill repute, but in reality to license all these branches of vice.

A man from a neighbouring "hsien" bought his office from the commandant, gathering a band of lawless characters from this and neighbouring cities, and with a band of soldiers to do his bidding, arrived in Yushan. The city authorities had prepared a place for them, as they were sent by the commanding officer at Kuangsin. They scorned the place prepared for them, and without as much as "By your leave," they took possession of the church and the school premises, establishing their yamen in the place that had been set apart for the worship of God. We had not minded the soldiers so much, for they behaved decently, and did not

come to establish their quarters here for good; but, when this band came, with the intention of staying for a year or two, as they said, and soon showed they had only come to license vice, instead of suppressing it, and carried on their unlawful business in the place devoted to the service of God, we did rebel.

When they started the next day to partition our church into rooms, we objected, without avail. I sent my card, and invited the commanding officer to come in to talk matters over. He did not come. The next day, we went again and invited him for tea. Again he kept away, as he had no excuse to give. We then appealed to the magistrate, but he dared not move in the matter. We then felt that only the Lord could help us, and gathered together for prayer.

Licensed Vices.

All the city people were up in arms against them, and said they had no right to live in the mission premises. Even the Political Bureau took them to task for it, and said it was not right, but they answered with a lie, saying they had rented the place. Everyone knew that was a falsehood. Things got worse and worse both in city and country. All those who had practised their evil deeds in secret, now came out openly, for they had only to register and pay so many dollars a month to carry on their unlawful business. At a country fair, the gamblers refused to pay the required sums, and said they would rather stop. The next day they were asked to continue, otherwise no money could be got out of them.

We sent a petition to the commanding officer at Kuangsin, but before there was time for an answer, the whole band had to flee. One evening, a proclamation was put up on the front door that all were to be arrested and the whole army disbanded. The commanding officer quickly fled with his wife and belongings. His father, who had just arrived to find out what he was doing, only stayed on to hear the brunt, to pay his son's debts, and to do all he could to get things clear. He also came to us to apologize, and, knowing he was a gentleman of the old school, and thoroughly opposed to his son's evil ways, we all felt sorry for him.

The Relief.

So, in a few hours, the whole place was cleared, and we breathed more freely.

We are told that government troops are on their way here to restore to all the cities around, for they had been refused permission to pass on to their destinations. It is reported that a clash has taken place down-river between the two opposing forces.

ARE THERE ANY LETTERS FOR YOU?

UNCLAIMED CORRESPONDENCE, &c., AT THE G.P.O.

SATURDAY'S OFFICIAL LIST.

A General Post Office notification of Saturday gives the following list of unclaimed correspondence, etc., awaiting at the G.P.O.:—
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Unpaid Correspondence.

R. Bigazzi (H.K. Hotel), C. Elkins (H.K. Hotel), B. G. Gwynne (c/o Am. Consulate).

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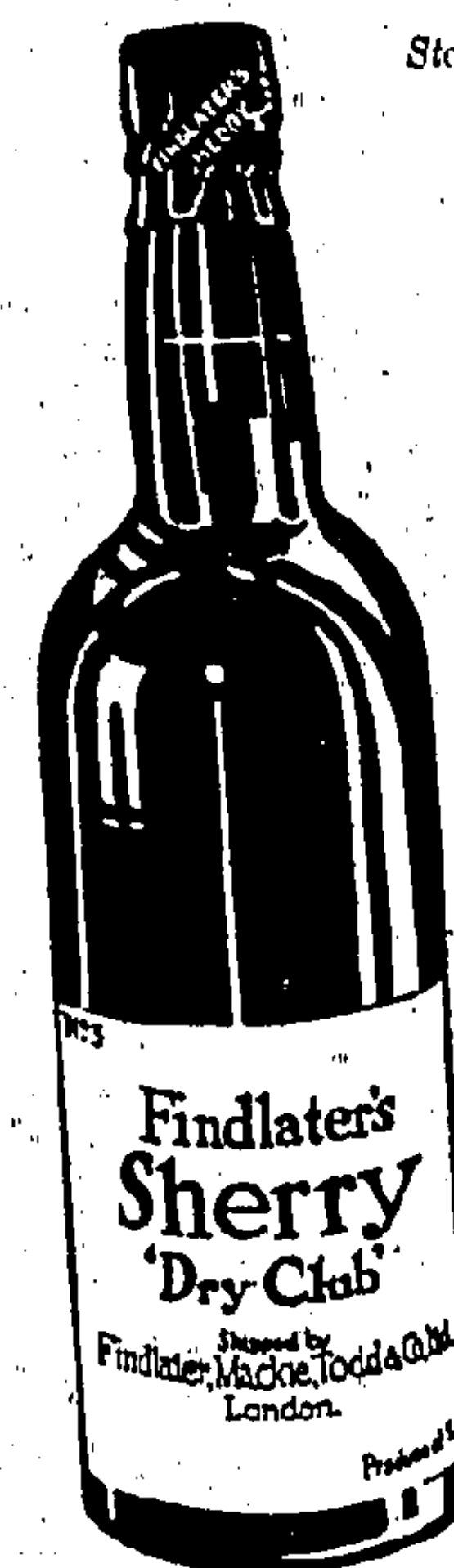
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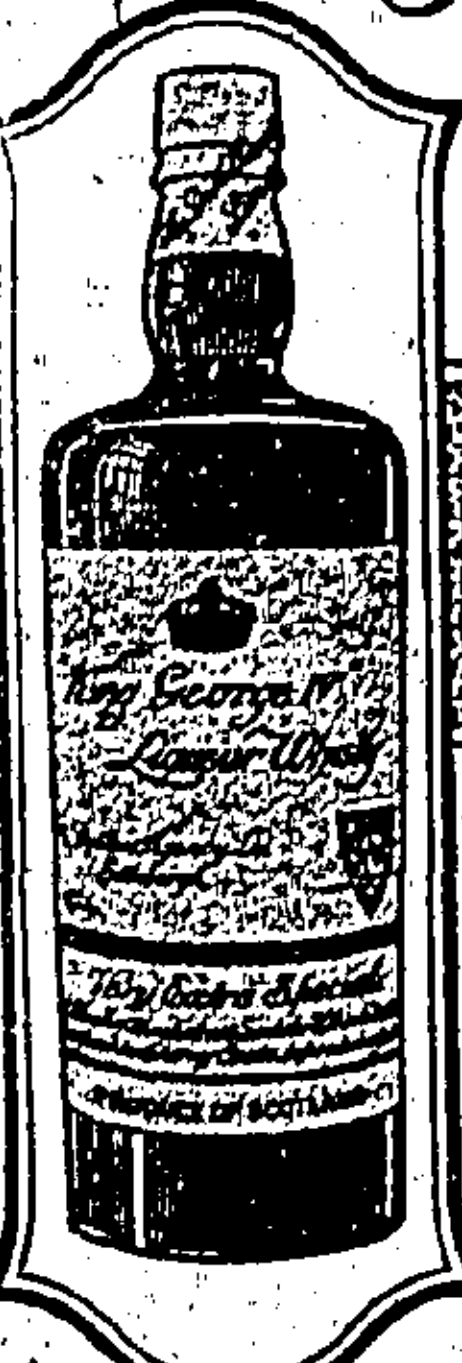
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WHAT SHANGHAI POLICE ARE FACING.

HOW P.C. FRANCIS WAS KILLED BY AN ARMED
KIDNAPPER.

FIGHT IN AN EMPTY HOUSE.

Papers from Shanghai give graphic details of the recent shooting affray between an armed kidnapper and two British constables, in which P.C. Francis was killed and P.C. Read seriously wounded. The kidnapper was killed. Describing the incident the *N.C. Daily News* says:—

Two foreign police constables, following an armed kidnapper, chased him into a veritable death-trap on Saturday afternoon at 1249, Kuling Road, with the unfortunate consequences that Constable Thomas Robert Francis was shot dead and P.C. Alfred Read was shot in the stomach.

The deserted Chinese house into which they drove their man, after he had run into a *cul-de-sac*, contained a deserted motor lorry, upon which the kidnapper crawled, and from which he shot P.C. Francis, who had followed him post haste. P.C. Read, right on his comrades' heels, worked his way to the front of the lorry, taking shelter behind the high sideboards, and opened fire on the Chinese. In the battle between the two, Read wounded in the body, shot and killed his opponent. The pistols both of the constable and the kidnapper were empty when reserves, commanded by Chief-Insp. Aiers, arrived on the scene.

Mr. Aiers saw Francis on the lorry, clambered on to it, shook the constable, but received no response. Suddenly from the corner he heard a voice: "How about me, Mr. Aiers."

"Who are you?" the surprised officer replied.

"I am Read," Sir, here near the front shutters," the wounded constable replied.

Within a moment the inspector had his Chinese officers tear open the shutters, which allowed him to make an inspection.

Quick Reprisals.

It was a ghastly sight. On the floor of the motor lorry, P.C. Francis lay dead with a bullet wound in his heart, another had entered his head, just under the chin. The armed kidnapper shot P.C. Francis just as he crawled over the hood of the lorry. P.C. Read, in turn, avenged his fallen comrade within a few seconds. In this connection it is interesting to note that P.C. Read was engaged in another armed battle on Friday, in which he shot an armed robber in a house at 101, Taku Road, his fellow officer likewise accounting for one of the gang.

At the inquest on Saturday morning over the bodies of the two armed men, Judge Kell said, "Death was caused by bullets fired by the police in an effort to prevent a felony from being committed. The Court commends the action of P. S. Miller, P. C. Read, and C. P. C. 700, and recommends that the matter be brought to the attention of the Commissioner of Police."

A Plucky Chauffeur.

Just after noon the affair started, when four armed men attempted to kidnap the compadre of a well-known foreign firm, who resided at 310, Burkill Road. His plucky chauffeur managed to wriggle from the grasp of the kidnappers and blew his police whistle.

Chinese constables on duty near Thibet Road and Burkill Road corner responded to the appeal for assistance and the Chinese, seeing them, fled westward on Burkill Road. Several slipped off into alleyways, but two of them continued along Burkill Road. At the intersection of Burkill Road with Park Road (40 paces from the Carlton Theatre) the C.P.C. on point duty there shot one of them three times. He fell to the pavement, was taken to the Police Hospital, and died at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday. In the fray a Chinese constable, No. 103, was shot in the head; it is believed that his condition is not serious.

The kidnappers disappeared but Chief-Insp. Aiers turned out all available men, and a party of fifty combed the entire neighbourhood.

A Wild Looking Spot.

About 1.30 p.m., just an hour after the original shooting, P.C. Francis and P.C. Read got a trace of the desperadoes. The former noted a drop of blood in a secluded spot and both of them began further investigations.

The scene of the murder resembles a battle-scarred field. The house, together with others, has been deserted for several years. The shutters were up. Facing on Kuling Road the houses form a blank wall. The two officers followed the trail of blood through an alley, upon which are the rear exits of the houses. The officers chased their man through the alleyway, in and out of the deserted houses, and apparently had cornered him in one of the buildings.

Several pieces of scuffling were over the door, but the kidnapper and the officers, just behind him, wormed their way under and round the bars. The Chinese probably had 15 or 20 seconds start on the pursuers, and got to a place of concealment on the motor lorry.

Everything was in the former's favour. The house was empty but for the lorry, which nearly filled the front room. P. C. Francis rushed through the small rear room. The heroic officer, not knowing the desperado's whereabouts, but thinking that he was on the truck, followed him without a moment's hesitation. As he stood there, hesitant and with no idea of direction, the light from the broken roof outlined him sharply against the rear wall. He made a clear target for the kidnapper. Both bullets, fired by the bandit, struck him in vital spots—one in the heart and the other went through the chin and brain. When found he was doubled up, his pistol still in hand.

P. C. Read's Turn.

P. C. Read followed him into the room, but when the shooting started, avoided immediate trouble by dodging against the wall. As he made his way forward, he sensed the situation. With a rush he got into the open, again a target for the other. But as he rushed, he shot. The Chinese returned fire.

Read emptied his pistol, there being three bullet holes in the canopy. It is believed that the desperado fired twice, as one bullet struck the officer and one went through the mud guard.

A few minutes later Sub-Insp. Allen, who heard the shooting, and received no response to his calls, smashed in the doors, while a police party, commanded by Chief-Insp. Aiers entered through the rear door.

The deceased officer and P. C. Read both have excellent records, and have been gazetted for meritorious conduct. P. C. Francis was born in Wimbledon, Surrey, in May, 1900. During the great War, although only a youth, he served with the King's Royal Rifle, and was honourably discharged on March 31, 1920. Shortly afterwards he joined the British South African Police, resigning on June 15th, 1921. After two years service with the London Metropolitan Police—July 21st, 1924, to August 22nd, 1926—he came to Shanghai and has been in Municipal employ since October 4th, 1926. P. C. Francis in his 14 months' service in Shanghai, was awarded six months' seniority and was rewarded with 925 for his valorous conduct, in engaging armed robbers and recovering several pistols.

The man who shot P. C. Francis, upon being fingerprinted, was identified as one of a gang of seven armed robbers who were arrested in 1925 in West Hongkew. Later he was handed over to the Chinese authorities, evidently being released by them.

P. C. Francis is survived by his mother, residing in Southfield. Tragic as is the lamented death of P. C. Francis, his comrades understood that he expected to meet his fate in Shanghai. It was during the troublesome times of February that he was shot in the head, that he would be shot in China. The other tried to dissuade him of his evident premonition, but the unfortunate officer replied that he knew that his end was near.

PROVISIONAL COURT'S TRIBUTE.

TRADITIONS OF THE S.M.P.

High praise was extended to the memory of the Shanghai Municipal Police force by Judge Kell and Mr. H. Bos, Senior Consul's Deputy, at inquests on the bodies of two armed kidnappers. At the conclusion of the evidence, the Judge said:—

"The Court desires to express its extreme satisfaction at the manner in which the police have handled this case. The coolness, tact, and courage of the officers concerned is to be commended very highly."

Mr. Bos:—"This is the third time in one week that the Court has to place on record heroic action on the part of our efficient police force. The Chinese constable already has been commended for shooting one of the robbers, but unfortunately there has been a victim in P. C. Francis, who displayed high courage and lived up to the best traditions of the Shanghai Municipal Police. He died while doing his duty and looking after the peace and order of the Settlement. Surely the foreign and Chinese community will mourn his death. P. C. Read, who was recently commended, again has proved his courage. I am glad to know that he is recovering and hope that his recovery will be fast and full. P. C. C. 1097 deserves the highest commendation."

SECRETS OF MALAITA ISLAND.

WITCH DOCTORS URGING
WAR ON WHITES.

CANNIBAL VENGEANCE.

Mr. Jack McLaren, the South Seas novelist, has lifted the curtain on the most remarkable island left in the world.

"It is the souls of their dead, crying out for revenge, who have driven the warriors of Malaita to massacre white men in that jungle-covered and mountainous island," he said to an *Evening News* representative.

"For years they have kept tally of every one of their tribes who has died at the hands of a white man. They have neither forgotten nor forgiven."

"For every one of their dead they have sworn to have a white man's head."

Witch Doctors.

"I can see what has happened as plainly as if I had been there. Their witch-doctors have assembled them in the communal houses and have told them that the spirits of the dead are crying out for vengeance. They have inflamed them into the biggest revolt the island has known."

"And now every warrior, with his spear, his stone club and his bow and arrows, dreams of a white man's head hanging in his canoe-house."

"What will happen now?" "The warships will shell and destroy the native villages on the coast, and the natives will clear out to the jungle. No white troops could follow them there: the warriors could ambush them and wipe them out."

"They will gradually calm down. The administration will hold an inquiry and arrest the ring-leaders—probably betrayed by their own people. And the white traders will come back."

"Malaita is a desperately dangerous place to set foot in. You never know when a head is owing. But for a stroke of luck my own head, smoked and dried, might be hanging there now."

"I landed there a year or two ago to recruit labour for the settlements. A second boat, with armed men in it, lay a little way off the beach, covering me."

"The natives greeted me like a friend as I stepped out of the boat. Did I want labour? Yes, they had plenty of boys for the plantations. Would I come up to the canoe-house and talk at over?"

"I knew instinctively that something was wrong."

"I'll stay here, I said."

"We can talk better there," they said.

Great Warriors.

"I refused again, and turned to go. As I walked the step or two back I happened to glance back. And then I saw a warrior behind a tree—a six-foot man, with a bow longer than himself, aiming a flint-tipped arrow at me."

"As it came humming through the air towards me I dodged. It took me in the neck. You see the scar? It missed my jugular vein by a third of an inch."

"I scrambled back into the boat as my men opened fire."

"They are great fighters—fierce, brave and treacherous. They are out to win every time, and if they can't win by straight courage they'll win by cunning."

"They will eat their native enemies as a sort of religious rite. The dead man's strength passes into them as they eat, they believe."

"But they never eat a white man."

"They do not think he has enough courage to make it worth while: he always goes about with a gun and seems perpetually alarmed."

"For instance, the white man often builds his bunk high up near the roof of his house, so that the warriors cannot kill him as he sleeps by thrusting a spear through the wall. What is the use of eating a man like that?"

"But they value the head of a white man—it gives some prestige—and the head of a white woman is even more valuable."

A Mutiny.

"They have a streak of the child in them."

"Some natives I was shipping from the island mutinied, and took possession of the vessel. They had suddenly remembered that they wanted to fight a neighbouring village."

"I harangued them for two hours in pidgin English, telling them that if they did not obey me they would be sent to prison for ten years, whereas if they did they would be home again within a year. In the end they obeyed—and I breathed a sigh of relief."

"I have been in many strange places, but in none so sinister as the jungle of Malaita."

"An unpalatable air of menace hangs over it. I penetrated far into it once. Every moment I had the feeling that I was watched—that the natives were everywhere in the jungle."

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When Miss Cooper withdrew, no scenes in which she was to appear had been "shot." Sir Gerald du Maurier also signalled his wish to retire from the cast at the same time, and in his case also none of his scenes had been taken, so that the inconvenience to the producing company was less to that extent. The negotiations for the new stars, which have now come to a head, have been conducted in secret, until the disclosure here made.

Senator's Daughter.

Sir Gerald's part will be taken by Mr. Ian Hunter, who has bounded into the very front rank in film terms both as actor and star by his brilliant work in "The Ring," the boxing film.

Messrs. H. and S. Rowson, who so ably control the destinies of Ideal Films, will be widely congratulated upon their two captures, both from the artistic and the box-office point of view.

Miss Tallulah Bankhead has for long been sought after for screen work. An American organisation, I think, wanted her for the screen version of "The Green Hat." Other companies have wanted her, too.

Miss Tallulah Bankhead's best known stage roles have been in "The Dancers," "The Green Hat," "Fallen Angels," "The Gold Diggers," "They Knew What They Wanted," and now in "The Garden of Eden."

She is 28, and was born in Alabama, the daughter of Senator W. B. Bankhead.

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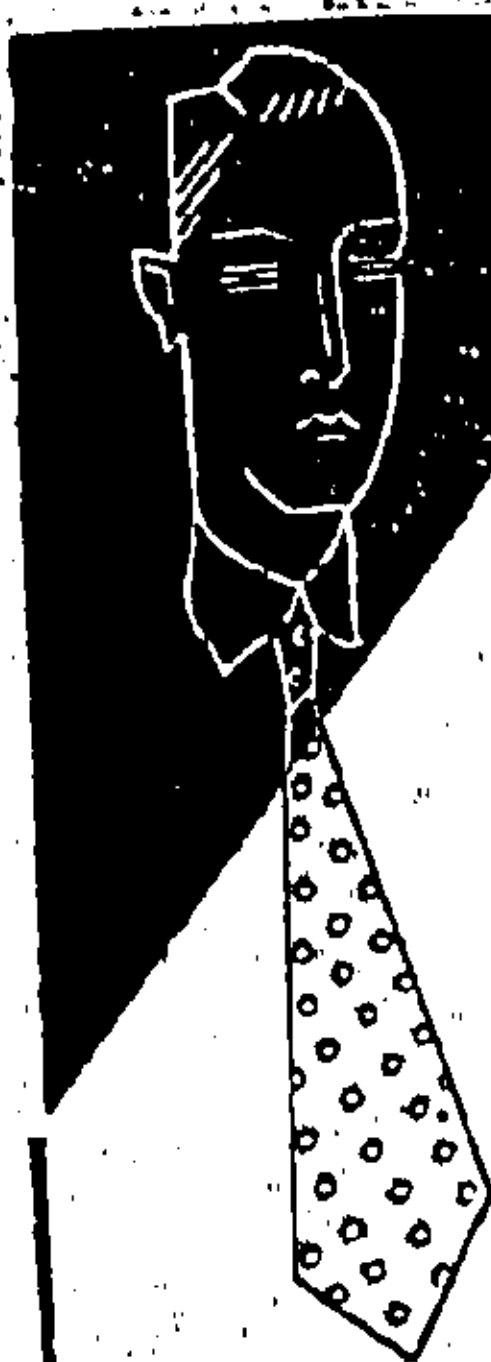
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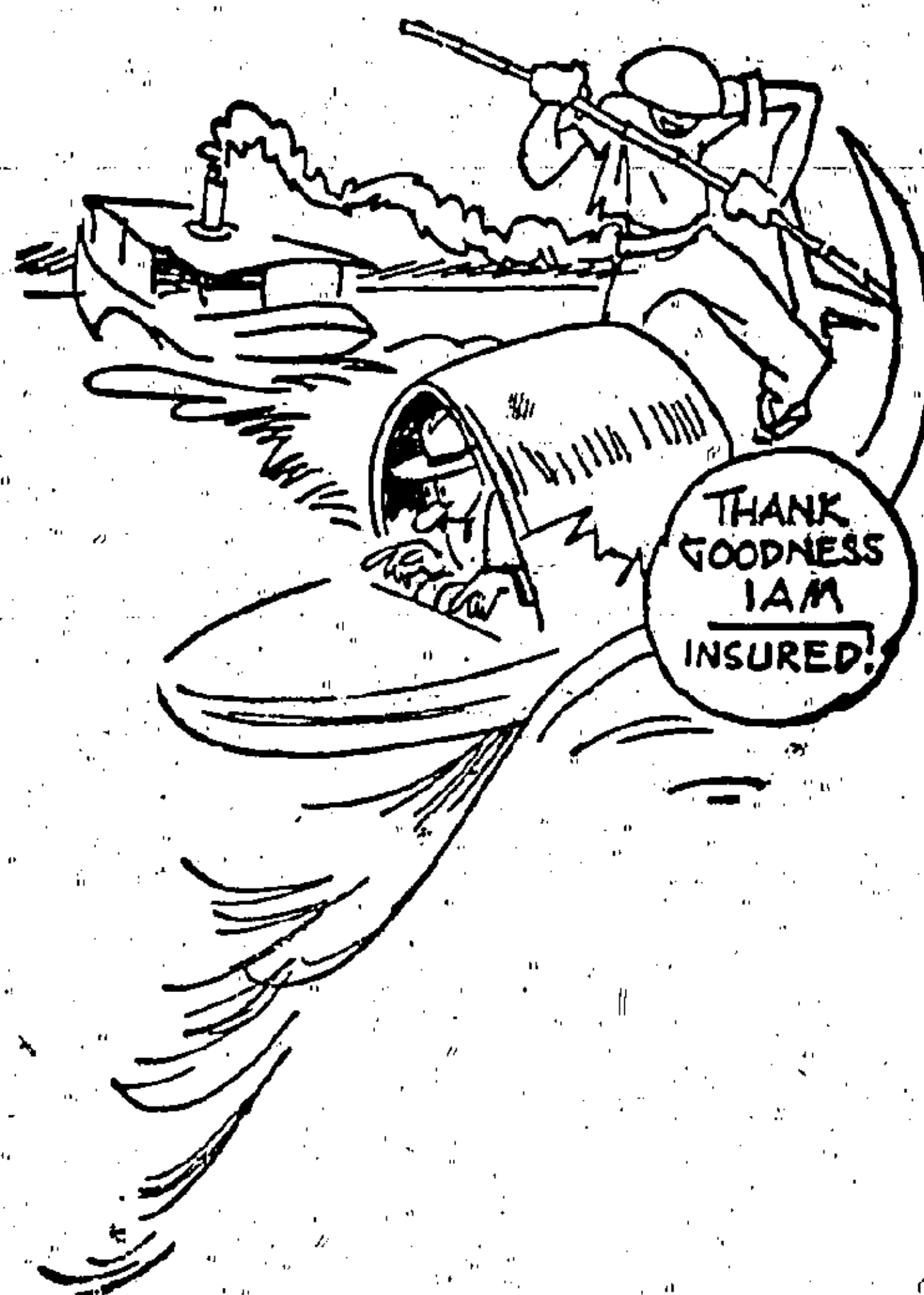
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"MERRIE ENGLAND."

THE FORTHCOMING PRODUCTION.

WHAT THE "TIMES" SAID 25 YEARS AGO.

The final dress rehearsal of "Merrie England" takes place tomorrow at 8.30 p.m. at the Theatre Royal when an audience of service men will be entertained.

The first performance by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society is, of course, on Friday at 9 p.m. and performances are also being given, commencing at the same time, on the following Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and on Wednesday afternoon (4.30 p.m.).

H.E. the Governor, Lady Clementi and party will attend on Monday evening.

Edward German's "Merrie England" is one of the most popular of British musical compositions and many of its numbers have won deserved popularity.

With regard to the present production it can fairly be said that neither trouble nor expense has been spared in order to give an operatic and spectacular treat that has never been equalled in the Colony. The full strength of the cast, chorus and orchestra exceeds 150, and, under the able baton of Mr. W. H. Fitzgibbon, the K.O.S.B. Band, the theatre-going and music-loving public of Hong Kong may be assured of an evening well to be remembered.

It is owing to the length of the opera that it has been decided to commence at 9 p.m. prompt, and as the introduction to the opera is short, and continues into the first chorus without any pause, it behooves the audience to be in their seats before that time.

Mention must also be made of the programme, which as usual with the Society, has special features including two pages of photographs, thus making it a souvenir well worth taking away with one, and in addition, as is the usual custom of the Society, it is given away.

Parents are reminded that children are admitted at half price to the Matinee on Wednesday, December 14th.

The opera was first produced 25 years ago, and the following "critique," culled from the *Times* of April 3rd, 1902, should possibly be of interest to music-lovers.

SAVOY THEATRE.

"Merrie England," by the latest couple of Savoyards, Capt. Basil Hood and Mr. Edward German, was produced last night with a success and received, both in detail and as a whole, with a warmth of enthusiasm which could not but remind the "old guard" of the scenes of the first night of many an one of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

Opera comique it certainly is in many, nay most, of the essentials, though it comes dangerously near in relationship to that hybrid form known at present as "Comic Opera." Indeed, on its title page it is so described; but in spite of this we prefer to regard it as belonging to the former category, which, it need hardly be said, is a very different thing from present day Comic Opera. The relationship hinted at is literary rather than musical—the music, one may at once explain, is pure Opera Comique, and that of a very high order. Not even Mr. Gilbert himself has succeeded more neatly in the "Paronomasia" play "pon words" than Captain Wood. Technically there is abundance in common between the systems of both librettists. But whereas Mr. Gilbert weaves the intricate web of his couplets and cranks round at least the thread of a definite story, Captain Hood presents a series of pictures, very pretty and lively pictures, which, though intimately connected with each other, have together no very intimate connection with anything in particular, beyond what is naturally inferred from describing England as "merrie" and sundry references to Robin Hood and Maid Marion.

In choosing the period of Good Queen Bess, of Raleigh and of Essex, the days associated in country life for some reason or other (perhaps for no reason) with the May Queen and the Morris dance, Captain Hood has been well advised, as his co-adjutor was to be Mr. Edward German, a past master in the art of Morris and other dances. Indeed, the "leit motif" of the opera is the dance. There is no getting away from it. Nor would one wish to do so, since, save for a slight tinge of monotony engendered by the too-frequent use of the same rhythm, Mr. Edward German has given of his best, and we all know how delightful his best is, and Captain Hood himself seems to revel in the period. While making his Queen Elizabeth, Raleigh and Essex a dignified trio, he has

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THE AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

PROGRAMME FOR OPENING DAY.

The Committee has issued the programme for to-morrow, the opening day of the Agricultural Show. The Show will be continued on Thursday.

Judging will commence at 10.30 a.m. on the first day and is expected to be concluded by 12 o'clock (noon), when the grounds will be open to the public.

His Excellency the Governor, who will perform the opening ceremony, accompanied by his A.D.C., Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, and Mr. B. R. Forster, private secretary, will arrive at the exhibition ground at 2.30 p.m. Sir Cecil Clementi and party will be received at the entrance by the Chairman of the Committee (Rev. H. R. Wells, O.B.E.), Sir Robert, and Lady Ho Tung, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Mr. Fung Kei Cheuk, representing the reception committee. The members of the general committee, among whom there are a large number of the village elders from every district in the New Territories, will then be introduced to His Excellency.

Following the introduction, the Governor will be conducted to a platform in front of the exhibition building. The formal part of the proceedings will commence with a speech by the Rev. H. R. Wells, to which His Excellency will reply.

There will be a distribution of the Certificates of Honour to all who exhibit in the Show.

The Governor will then be conducted over the grounds for inspection of the exhibits which will be staged according to the classification in the respective sheds, of which there are five.

Among the exhibits not for competition there has been entered a directly imported Scandinavian Landrace Sow and fowls of American and English strain. Among the attractions of the exhibition will be a continuous cinema entertainment, for which the committee are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. H. W. Ray, general manager of the Hong Kong Amusement Syndicate, Ltd.

Tea and refreshments will be served on the grounds throughout the afternoon by the management of the Café Pavilion at prices slightly above those in the city to cover transportation expenses, etc.

As will be seen from the advertisement columns, the Railway management has made a substantial reduction on the ordinary fares for the return journey to and from Cheung Shui. Visitors travelling by the 1.15 p.m. train from Kowloon will arrive at Sheung Shui in time for the opening ceremony. Return trains will leave Sheung Shui halt at 4.48 p.m. and 5.58 p.m. for Kowloon, the latter is the last train. Sailors and soldiers in uniform and school children will be admitted to the show free.

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succeeded in preventing them from becoming "boxes" or detracting from the lightness and defecacy of the general scheme. He has created in Walter Wilkins and Silas Sinkins, players in Shakespeare's Company, a pair of highly diverting numbers. The former's "Alphabet," and his ingenuity in escaping from sundry awkward positions, his remarkable "fish" song—one of the cleverest of its kind heard for many a day—and a score of witty passages will all add to the gaiety of, at any rate, this nation.

Captain Hood has furnished plenty of opportunity for all of the principals, and Mr. German's score abundantly proves that on him has fallen the mantle that the rather strong suggestion of "Peer Gynt" in "Bessie's" pretty ballad, "She had a letter," or of "Hansel and Gretel" in "Cat, Cat, where have you been?" so prettily sung under the shade of Herne's Oak prove that Mr. German has not yet found himself. But against this may be cited the extreme ability and naturalness shown in the well-managed rhythm of Raleigh's song "That every Jack," with its chorus—a chorus that attains almost to greatness in the whole of the ensembles, and in the brilliancy, delicacy and piquancy of the orchestration.

Among orchestral scores of recent years we should class Mr. German's very high indeed, but in invention he is best in the lyrical numbers, though exceptional praise is due to the quartet, "In England, Merrie England," and to the many pretty and always effective dances. His music, if one excepts the march played on the entrance of Queen Elizabeth, is quite free from commonplace and a credit alike to him and to the English school.

Last night's success encourages the hope that a new spell of well-deserved prosperity is in store for the Savoy, so admirable is Mr. German's and Captain Hood's work, so sincere an attempt to rise above the conventional level.

AROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

PETTY LARCENY AND NOTES FORGERY.

THE RETURN OF THE UNDESIRABLES.

[BY NOTE-BOOK.]

The usual conglomeration of Chinese who may or may not have found the path of honesty, too rugged and had chosen crime as a profession, appeared before the Police Courts yesterday on charges varying from the larceny of a singlet to the more serious crime of manufacturing spurious bank-notes.

There were also three "dishards" who had been banished from the Colony but returned to renew their exploits at the expense of respectable citizens. First to these hungry and incorrigible rogues, was an opulent customer who specialises in the illicit importation of fire arms, which trade has done much to promote crime in China.

BANK OF CHINA NOTES.

Four Chinese were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy with the alleged manufacturing of a block for reproducing \$5 bank-notes of the Bank of China. One of the defendants was an employee of the Commercial Press and the part he is alleged to have played in this affair was to make the block. The other three were the men who were said to have given the order for the block to be made.

The Magistrate fixed next Monday for the case to be heard. Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones is appearing for the first and second defendants.

HIS MOTHER'S TOMB BANISHEE'S EXCUSE REJECTED.

A tough looking customer was brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy. His charge sheet read that after serving three months in gaol for larceny in 1920, he did another stretch in 1921. After that the Colony decided that it had had enough of him and banished him for ten years.

He returned two days ago and was therefore charged under the Banishment Act. In asking for an exemplary sentence, Sub-Inspector Vincent told the Bench that no fewer than five banishees had returned during the last few days.

Defendant, when asked why he returned, told the Court that as his mother was buried in Hong Kong, it was his bounden duty to return to take her bones away. Major Willson did not believe his story and sent him to gaol for eight months' hard labour.

HEAVY PUNISHMENT.

Another Chinese who had also been deported for ten years in 1926, was found stealing firewood in the Colony two days ago. He was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell who ordered the man to be sent to gaol for another nine months and also to receive 20 strokes of the birch. For the charge of larceny of firewood an additional four weeks' hard labour was imposed.

AMMUNITION FROM CANADA.

A Chinese who recently returned to the Colony from Canada was one of the Blue Funnel ships was found to have in his possession 499 rounds of revolver ammunition and 400 percussion caps. These were well hidden in a layer in his cabin trunk.

The man was charged before Major C. Willson and was fined \$200. The arms were ordered to be confiscated.

A Question Of Identity.

There is a plausible gang who go about victimising credulous Chinese women by means of the bank-notes trick. One of their dupes declares that she had recognised the man who had taken her in and accusing him demanded the return of the jewellery which he was alleged to have filched from her. The man denied all knowledge. She raised a hue and cry, and he took to his heels. He was arrested and brought before Major C. Willson.

The woman's story was that she was approached by the man about a fortnight ago. Following the usual practice, the trickster told her that he wanted a parcel of bank-notes changed. He asked the woman to go and change it and as security she left with him her gold bangles and ring. At an exchange shop she found that the parcel contained waste paper. She hastened back to the spot where the man was supposed to be waiting for her, and found that he had gone.

The defendant denied this and said that at the time mentioned in the witness, he was employed on the Peak. The case was therefore adjourned until to-day for the defendant to produce witnesses to sustain his alibi.

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ELBOW THAT KNOCKED DOWN SOME WASHING.

A ragged and miserable looking Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy with stealing a woollen singlet from a clothes line at 62, Kowloon Tong.

The singlet was the property of Mr. A. J. Kew, and the defendant was seen by an amah removing the clothing. She raised the alarm, and a gardener gave chase.

Defendant denied stealing the singlet and said that as he was walking past, his elbow knocked the garment down.

Finding this story hard to believe, the Magistrate sent him to gaol for six weeks.

BLANKET STEALING.

There was another case where two men wanted to protect themselves from the cold and having no means to do so, hit upon the idea of stealing a pair of white woollen blankets from Mrs. Lillian Cook, No. 4 Banoo Building.

It, however, appeared that after stealing the blankets the men found that the weather had suddenly become warm. Not wishing to travel with a heavy kit, the two "night birds" decided to put the blanket in "dry dock," where it was recovered by the Police. The prisoners denied that they were the culprits.

The case was adjourned.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBER.

In the afternoon sessions at the Central Magistracy, cases of a more serious nature were heard. In Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court a Chinese alleged to have participated in the armed robbery committed at the Wing Lee Co., 52 Ko Shing Street, on November 26th, was charged.

Evidence showed that 6 or 7 robbers, three of whom were armed with automatic revolvers, entered the shop at about 9 p.m. They intimidated the inmates and after driving them into an inner cubicle, took possession of the safe's key and began to ransack the premises. From the safe a cash box containing \$500 was taken. While the raiders were busy, one of the shop's coolies managed to slip away without being detected. He soon returned with a constable, who arrested the defendant. The others made good their escape.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

WHAT WAS THE MOTIVE?

The sequel to the brawl at the waterfront on November 25th in the course of which a Chinese after having been knocked unconscious was thrown into the harbour, was

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PRINTERS SUE EDITORS.

PAYMENT FOR PRINTING CHINESE MAGAZINE.

Before the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, the Connaught Printing Press, of 14, Stanley Street, sued The Din Ying Man Ngai Woo Cho Sha, and also a partner of this firm, Pun Hing Chung, both of 15, Stanley Street.

Plaintiffs claimed the sum of \$880.76, this being the amount of balance due by the defendants to the plaintiffs for work done and materials supplied by the plaintiffs at the request of defendants.

Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones said that he appeared on behalf of the second defendant, Pun Hing Chung, but had received no further instructions.

Second defendant was absent when his name was called. His Lordship intimated that the case would be taken ex-parte against the second defendant.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for plaintiffs, and the manager of the Connaught Printing Press giving evidence, said that he knew the second defendant was a partner of the defendant firm. Defendants were the editors of certain magazines, and plaintiffs supplied the paper and did the printing.

After the claim had been proved, His Lordship entered judgment for plaintiffs against both defendants.

heard yesterday at the Central Magistracy before Major C. Willson. A Chinese said to be an employee of the Dairy Farm was charged with the manslaughter of the unfortunate man, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

Mr. Whyte-Smith said that so far as could be ascertained, the crime was a motiveless one. The deceased was a clansman of the defendant and had only come to the Colony about six months ago. On the night in question, the deceased was going back to his native village by one of the Shekai towboats. He went on board at about 10 p.m. and for some reason or other, he came ashore. Two eye-witnesses would say that the deceased was set upon by three coolies at 1.30 p.m. and after the deceased had been knocked unconscious by the three assailants, his body was rolled to the prayer wall at Connaught Road Central and there dumped into the harbour.

The two witnesses would also say that they raised the alarm, and the three assailants ran away in different directions. Two Chinese constables promptly gave chase and succeeded in arresting the defendants.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

CANTON FOR THE
CANTONESE.MOVEMENT MAKES
PROGRESS.KWANGSI INTERFERENCE
NOT WANTED.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

Many Cantonese are hoping that General Chu Fai Yat, Chief of Police in Canton City, will be able to remain in office long enough to complete his task of restoring the properties recently seized by workers and militarists to their lawful owners. The strikers are being driven out, but militarists are still declaring that they must continue to borrow quarters for their families. A landlord told our correspondent that he had had six of his houses with three flats in each seized by officials and junior military officers three years ago and no rent had been paid. But since early November, all but seven flats had been regained with the aid of the Police.

The military authorities in Canton are quite confident that they will be able to hold out against the Kwangsi forces of General Li Tsai Hsin and Wong Shiu Hung. They saw that there will be a united resistance by all Cantonese militarists regardless of past differences. They also count on the support of the village volunteers against further invasion of non-Cantonese forces. It is recalled how the Kwangsi bandit-general, Shen Hung Ying, attempted to regain control of Canton City; but that the village volunteers along the Yueh-Han Railway succeeded in checking his advance by guerrilla attacks. In a word, they have their hope on the "Canton for the Cantonese" movement.

The present authorities declare that they have the whole situation in hand except perhaps in the Yam-Lim Districts of Southern Kwangtung and the island of Hainan. They feel confident as regards the West, North and East River Districts.

A good many think that co-operation between Mr. Wang Ching Wei and General Chiang Kai Shek, while unlikely to achieve lasting results, might at least lessen the chances of the Kwangsi clique procuring outside help. In Canton itself placards are displayed denouncing General Li Tsai Hsin as a "counter-revolutionary" and "traitor" to the Kuomintang.

ALL QUIET AT THE FRONT.

So far there has been no real fighting in the West River district, and what have been reported as battles were only skirmishes between outposts. Kwangtung troops are being sent to the district and a serious struggle is by no means impossible.

Kwangsi gunboats are being stationed above Shuihui but below Wuchow to prevent Kwangtung forces advancing towards the upper West River.

In Canton City everything is quiet on the surface.

PARTNER SUES PARTNER.

CASE DISMISSED AT SUM-
MARY COURT.

At the Summary Court yesterday morning, a Chinese plaintiff was non-suited by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (Puisne Judge) on the ground that one partner could not sue another partner in the same firm.

The plaintiff was Lam Lai Sang, alias Lam Sang, 181, Tung Choi Street, Mong Kok Tsiu, and the defendants were the Sun Hop firm, of the same address, matched builders. The plaintiff claimed \$387.91, being \$101.10 balance of salary; \$83 money deposited with the defendants by the plaintiff on January 4th, 1925; at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum; and \$190 cash paid by the plaintiff for and on behalf of and at the request of the defendant firm.

The defendants were not represented and the plaintiff was represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios. Plaintiff stated that the money deposited constituted money paid into the firm as his share in the business. Plaintiff was thereupon non-suited.

FIRMS CLOSING
DOWN.CANTON'S ECONOMIC
CHAOS.RESULTS OF TRADE UNION
TYRANNY.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

The excessive demands of the trade unions are said to be responsible for the closing down of many large businesses in Canton, next week at least three large silk filatures at Taikung will be offered for sale at Canton by public auction. The Tung Ah Publishing Company, one of the largest of its kind in Canton City, is to be closed. A shareholders' meeting is being called to pass a resolution to put the business into liquidation.

A number of machine shops at Honan had to close this week owing to the refusal of the machinists to resume work because, it is alleged, employers have not fulfilled the terms under which the recent strike was settled.

The shop premises of the Chu Hon Hing Knitting Factory at Siu Pak, Canton, is to be sold by auction by order of the Authorities to satisfy claim for wages during a recent strike.

Every firm registered in Canton has now to deposit 70 per cent. of its capital with the Authorities in banknotes, the said Authorities paying 4 per cent. interest a month. All debts to the Water Works, Electric Light Company, and other public utility companies have been "advised" to settle their accounts within the next ten days, tendering notes. Pawn shops and others making out 1928 and 1929 license in advance are to be given a discount of 10 and 20 per cent. respectively, and only notes are accepted.

The Consul-General for Portugal on Shamen has advised the Canton Authorities that in the future, Portuguese vessels will on no account carry troops of rival factions in Canton waters.

Communications between Canton City and inland ports is still being interrupted owing to fear of ship-owners that their vessels will be commandeered for war transportation purposes.

Canton-Shanghai Railroad traffic has been suspended during the last few days. Troops returning from the North River sector were being transferred to the West River by way of Samshui and Hohow.

ON THE "PRESIDENT
MADISON."PASSENGERS FOR HERE AND
THROUGH.

The s.s. *President Madison* arrived in port from Manila yesterday, and leaves here this morning for Shanghai and the United States.

Passengers on board when the liner arrived here included the following:

Landing at Hong Kong:—The 13 members of a Temple Tours party returning from Manila who will proceed around the world following several short tours through South China; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins who are on a world tour. Mr. Jenkins is one of the proprietors of the Commercial Boiler Works of Seattle; Mr. E. W. Lattie, the Manager for South China of the Pacific Orient Lines and Columbia Pacific Lines, who is on a short business trip.

Landing at Shanghai:—A party of eleven U.S. Naval officers en route to Shanghai for the trial run of a number of American river gunboats building there. The party are under Capt. Berthoff who is Chief of Staff to Admiral Kittelle of Cavite Navy Yard, Manila. The names of the officers are:—Lt. Comdr. Thos. Anderson, Captain Wallace Berthoff, Ensign J. J. Cunningham, Lt. Richard P. Glass, Capt. Ross L. Lams, Lt. Comdr. J. C. Lough, Lt. Comdr. A. B. Marston, Major Harold I. Parsons, U.S.M.C., Lt. Arthur H. Pierson, Lt. W. W. Pace, Lt. Comdr. F. S. Sullivan.

For the United States:—Mr. John Bentley, Jr., Professor of Forestry at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., and Mrs. John Bentley, Jr., on a pleasure trip; Mr. Vincent Richards, the well-known International tennis player who is returning from several exhibition matches given in the Orient, and Mrs. Richards. The Richards are primarily on a pleasure trip; Mr. John Strouse, the Erecting Engineer for the Baldwin Locomotive Works. Mr. Strouse is well known in the Philippines where he has represented his firm for a number of years; Mrs. C. B. Eager, a well-known philanthropist engaged in social work in Moroland.

OVER \$20,000 FOR
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DE PAUL.FULL LIST OF PRIZE
WINNERS.

It is understood that, while some more money has still to come in, the gross amount realised at the annual bazaar and fête held by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul on Sunday was about \$21,000.

A summary of the doings at the fête was given in yesterday's *Daily Press*. The following is a list of the chief officials:—

President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Chev. J. M. Alves; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Robert Chao; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. P. Sherry (on leave); Acting Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. A. Barton; assisted by a large and representative bazaar committee.

General Organization:—Chev. J. M. Alves, assisted by Messrs. J. M. Graca, B. Young, K. Young, and Ah Yick, with Madame Albuquerque e Cova and Miss Britto (Secretaries).

Grounds and Illuminations:—Mr. L. J. Walker, assisted by men from H.M. Navy and Mr. Hon Sau.

Motor-car Draw:—Messrs. K. Young, F. M. J. Rozario, M. A. Hamet and Yu Kong.

Bank:—Messrs. C. J. Monahan, J. M. S. Rozario, L. D. Turner, G. Vaz, and A. V. Barros, assisted by several shroffs left by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank through the courtesy of the Comptroller, Mr. Ho Wing.

Gate:—Messrs. MacCarthy, Parker, Mahoney and Johnson.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

Below will be found a complete list of the prize winners in the various lotteries.

Winners are asked to note that they should take delivery of their prizes from Messrs. J. M. Alves' Office, In, Chater Road, on or before noon on Saturday, December 10th. All prizes unclaimed after this date will be auctioned.

Motor-Car Draw.

The motor-car was won by Mr. Standage, ticket No. 2107. The following are the consolation prizes:—

1st, silver centre piece, ticket No. 1730, Mr. Ho Shat Yu; 2nd, B.S.A. bicycle, No. 2402, Mr. Tay Kum Swan; 3rd, wall clock, No. 6739, Mr. W. J. Eldridge; 4th, rocking horse, No. 2473, Mr. Robt. Innes; 5th, large clock, No. 1589, Mr. Chao; 6th, large clock, No. 1311, Mr. Po Sien; 7th, rocking horse, No. 2133, Mr. K. E. Mogra (Canton); 8th, cow (toy), No. 2123, Mr. B. Wong; 9th, toy hot jug, No. 2157, Mr. A. G. Ho; 10th, sucking pig (toy), No. 1864, Mr. T. J. Roberts.

American Stall.

1st Drawing:—1st, No. 91, Mrs. C. Gardner; 2nd, No. 7, Miss Annie Stonham; 3rd, No. 90, c/o Dockyard; 4th, No. 50, Alberto Alves; 5th, No. 88, Mrs. J. M. Alves.

2nd Drawing:—1st, No. 28, Barrett; 2nd, No. 22, F. K. Mody; 3rd, No. 37, Marie Remedios; 4th, No. 61, Robt; 5th, No. 47, F. M. Xavier.

3rd Drawing:—1st, No. 18, H. Yung; 2nd, No. Mrs. Lydia Silva; 3rd, No. 110, Everdina Veira; 4th, No. 13, Margaret; 5th, No. 3, R. Santos.

4th Drawing:—1st, No. A. H. C. Wong; 2nd, No. 77, A. Franky; 3rd, No. 69, J. W. Loureiro; 4th, No. 75, Miss Kwok; 5th, No. 72, Mrs. Chao Po Sien.

5th Drawing:—1st, No. 40, Miss M. Loureiro; 2nd, No. 47, Moss, Kennedy Road; 3rd, No. 39, Ruby Hyder; 4th, No. 88, J. M. Alves; 5th, No. 129, R. Santos.

6th Drawing:—1st, No. 109, Rinaldo Xavier; 2nd, No. 29, J. Lewis; 3rd, No. 17, J. M. J. and Y.; 4th, No. 101, J. A. da Silva; 5th, No. 22, D. A. Rosario.

7th Drawing:—1st, No. 47, Celeste Ozorio; 2nd, No. 110, Simon Tse Yan; 3rd, No. 117, Mrs. Barrett; 4th, No. 81, Simon Tse Yan; 5th, No. 115, E. F. Brown.

8th Drawing:—1st, No. 30, M. da Silva; 2nd, No. 98, E. Osmund; 3rd, No. 49, G. A. for W.P., Kowloon; 4th, No. 63, J. E. Ollerton; 5th, No. 112, E. J. O'Neill.

9th Drawing:—1st, No. 75, J. H. Brister; 2nd, No. 87, R. C. Ward; 3rd, 190, H. F. Yeung; 4th, No. 3, Pickford; 5th, No. 47, H. Dixon.

10th, 11th and 12th Drawing:—Cancelled.

American Stall (Special).

1st Drawing:—1st, rocking horse, No. 11, H. Dixon; 2nd, coffee set, No. 16, Chee Ling; 3rd, railway, No. 92, V. Silva; 4th, fire engine, No. 68, J. Brown; 5th, garden set, No. 40, R. Davies.

2nd Drawing:—1st, tricycle, No. 30, J. M. Alves; 2nd, donkey, No. 91, J. M. Alves; 3rd, doll (pink), No. 42, Mabel E. Gourdin; 4th, doll (check), No. 15, J. Lawrie; 5th, elephant, No. 73, A. Granelly.

3rd Drawing:—1st, pair flower pots, No. 88, V. Riedler; 2nd, aluminium tea set, No. 11, E. Hyndham; 3rd, doll (lace), No. 78, Dickey Alves; 4th, doll (yellow), No. 47, H. Neres; 5th, box blocks, No. 88, J. P. Xavier.

4th Drawing:—1st, tricycle, No. 47, J. A. Rocha; 2nd, (tom) cat, No. 15, E. A. Noronha; 3rd, doll (blue), No. 4, Mrs. J. Noronha; 4th, doll (flower), No. 60, A. W. Ribeiro; 5th, truck, No. 55, Capt. G. A. Malig.

5th Drawing:—1st, cushion, No. 38, M. C. da Souza; 2nd, pig, No. 22, C. Guizmar (Savoy Hotel); 3rd, rifle (Eureka), No. 10, Marie Nolasco; 4th, doll (apron), No. 94, Alda C. dos Remedios; 5th, barrel, No. 81, Yolanda Britto.

6th Drawing:—1st, shaving set, No. 42, Mang Hang; 2nd, dog, No. 77, L. W. Edwards; 3rd, coffee set, No. 11, A. A. Botelho; 4th, baby doll, No. 18, C. F. Wilkinson; 5th, horse and cart, No. 7, J. Noronha.

7th Drawing cancelled.

8th Drawing:—1st, large doll, No. 63, Backhouse; 2nd, tea set, No. 58, R. Soenderame; 3rd, doll, No. 18, H. Smith; 4th, aluminium set, No. 40, M. Spada; 5th, eureka set, No. 27, H. H. Milly.

9th Drawing:—1st, No. 80, J. M. S. Blundell; 2nd, No. 9, Elsa Monteiro; 3rd, No. 10, Angus C. McDonnell; 4th, No. 91, H. S. Cheung; 5th, No. 83, D. A. Rosario; (all artificial flowers).

10th Drawing:—1st, pair triangular flower pots, No. 4, Jullian; 2nd, tea set, No. 10, S. and N.R.; 3rd, doll, No. 58, Good Luck; 4th, doll, No. 81, E. F. Edgham; 5th, barrel, No. 58, S. J. Clarke.

Wine Raffle.

1st, 1 case of champagne, No. 125, N. W. Chah; 2nd, 1 case whisky, No. 238, A. Alves; 3rd, 1 case beer, No. 159, J. A. de V. Soares.

Little Flower Stall (50 Cents).

Raffle of Toys:—1st, Elisa Baptista; 2nd, Mrs. Ghos; 3rd, J. M. Alves; 4th, Jose da Graca; 5th, Alcin Gutierrez; 6th, W. R. Wilkinson; 7th, Jose Santiago; 8th, Mrs. Alves; 9th, Cissy Pereira; 10th, C. and S.; 11th, Rev. A. Granelly; 12th, Mrs. Barton; 13th, C. and S.; 14th, Mrs. C. Gardner; 15th, Yolanda Silva; 16th, A. S. da Silva; 17th, Rev. L. M. Rossi; 18th, A. D. Blane; 19th, G. and S.; 20th, W. N. Newburg; 21st, Bishop Valtorta.

Raffle for Toys:—1st, Marie Vaz; 2nd, Alcincha Remedios; 3rd, Alice Gutierrez; 4th, Olive Xavier; 5th, M. C. Nolasco da Silva; 6th, Marie M. Alves; 7th, C. A. Barretto; 8th, Mr. Paul; 9th, Mrs. A. A. Alves; 10th, C. A. Xavier; 11th, Phemie Cruz; 12th, Patricia Remedios; 13th, H. M. Soares; 14th, Mrs. G. J. Spink; 15th, W. R. Wilkinson; 16th, V. Shenks; 17th, V. Shenks.

Shooting Gallery (Dollar Raffle).

1st prize, ticket No. 118; 2nd, No. 129; 3rd, No. 119; 4th, No. 172; 5th, No. 87; 6th, No. 60; 7th, No. 151; 8th, No. 148; 9th, No. 144; 10th, No. 49.

Ten Cents Stall (Dollar Raffle).

1st prize, ticket No. 71, Mr. Fred Xavier; 2nd, No. 52, Mr. A. E. Carvalho; 3rd, No. 9, Miss Celste Bayot; 4th, No. 34, Miss Alice Carvalho; 5th, No. 28, Mr. Van Wylick; 6th, No. 6, Mr. Jose Graca; 7th, No. 57, Mr. F. de la Cruz; 8th, No. 40, Mr. Leonor Noronha; 9th, No. 43, Mr. J. M. Alves; 10th, No. 19, Mr. Hector Remedios; 11th, No. 41, Mr. J. E. Rocha; 12th, No. 75, Mr. W. G. Whyte.

Chinese Ladies' Stall (30 Cents Stall).

1st prize, N. H. Ford (Tutorial Institute); 2nd, J. Johnston (Doddwell & Co.); 3rd, F. J. Tavares (Rope Co.).

Guessing Competition.

Xmas Cake correct weight 9 lbs. 10z.—Miss Gutierrez, 9lbs. 10z.

Dairy Farm Ham.

Correct weight 9lbs. 4oz.—Miss M. Loureiro, 9lbs. 6oz.

Sucking Pig.

Correct weight 18lbs. 14oz.—Monteiro, 18lbs. 6oz.; R. Noronha, 18lbs. 8oz. (ties).

Turkey.

Correct weight 15lbs. 8oz.—Olive Xavier, 12lbs. 10oz.; Mrs. J. M. S. Rozario, Mr. A. M. Ellis, R. Rozario, and Lam Kum Sang, 12lbs. 8oz. (ties).

The Arcade Raffles of Dressed Dolls.

1st raffle won by E. Carvalho, ticket No. 5; 2nd, G. J. Tarrant, No. 3.

Surprise Cake.

Miss Clemencia Goncalves, wedding ring—Misses Webster and Remedios (Macao), gold brooch—Mrs. L. Silva, gold wrist watch—Mrs. D. Rozario, gold wrist watch and gold pendant—Miss B. Ozorio, ear-rings—the names of the winners of the diamond ring, other valuable articles and sovereigns not yet reported.

Raffles of Xmas Hampers:—Doggies and the special dressed dolls. Not yet closed—will announce the results later.

The gross receipts of the Day and the "Al Fresco Fete" are expected to amount to \$21,000.

(Continued on next column.)

THE SINCERE COMPANY.

SUED AT THE SUPREME
COURT.\$11,000 CLAIM: PLAINTIFF
DOES NOT APPEAR.

At the Supreme Court yesterday morning, Mew Koon Wah, of 14, Chung Ching Street, merchant, sued the Sincere Company, Ltd., of 173, Des Vaux Road, Central, for \$11,000 alleged to be made up of \$11,000 principal deposited with defendants, plus \$48 interest at the rate of 20 cents per diem per mille on the sum of \$6,000 from September 6th, 1926, to the present day and \$20 interest at the same rate on the sum of \$5,000 from October 22nd, 1926, to the present day.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. T. G. Bennett, of Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for defendant, plaintiff being unrepresented.

Plaintiff's name was called and as he did not appear, Mr. Jenkin applied that the cause be struck out of the trial paper, also that costs of appearance should be allowed defendants.

His Lordship (Sir H. C. Gollan) granted the application, and indicated that he would hear a further application to be made by Mr. Jenkin in Chambers.

CROWN LAND.

SALE AT P.W.D. OFFICES.

There was a sale of Crown Land at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon.

The land in question is registered as Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2093, and is situated at the junction of Mong Kong Road and Tung Choi Street.

It has an area of 4,464 square feet, and the annual Crown rental is \$32.

The upset price was \$3,928, and the land was knocked down at this figure to Mrs. Tong Chan Shi.

The purchaser has to pay the sum of \$25 for boundary stones required to define the lot and \$30 for the Crown Lease.

FURTHER DONATIONS.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul begs to acknowledge further donations to the funds of the Al Fresco Fete on December 4th:

St. Joseph's College, \$50; Messrs. Keller, Kern & Co., Ltd., \$10; Kowloon Confectionery, selected Sweets; Mr. and Mrs. Buonachen, 1 pair of porcelain vases; St. Mary's School, flower baskets; Mrs. Leiria and Romano, useful articles; Mrs. J. M. da Rocha, Icy Hot Jug.

THANKS.

The Bazaar Committee desire to convey their thanks to all who assisted in making the Rose Day and the "Al Fresco Fete" as successful as it could be expected considering the prevailing conditions; to the many generous contributions to the general fund of the fete; to the kind ladies and the various stores and firms and institutions who sent souvenirs and prizes for the different stalls:—Lieut.-Col. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. and Officers for the excellent Band of the K.O.S.B.; Hotel Savoy for providing Headquarters for the Rose Day; the Rev. Fathers of the Italian Mission for the use of the Cathedral compound; the Hong Kong Electric Light Co. for illuminating the men of H.M.S. *Tamar* for putting up bunting and decorations; the Public Works Department for the loan of flags; men of H. M. Fleet for taking charge of the tickets of admission; the Hong Kong Tramways Co., the Peak Tramway Co., the Star Ferry Co., the Clubs and the various Hotels for advertising facilities; the Press for their sympathetic support; the Dairy Farm Co., for the various prizes for the Guessing Competition and for running the Farm Yard; Mr. U. Bunjahn for the use of the Drum of the Motor Car Draw; Police Department for the excellent Police arrangements; the Fire Brigade; the 16th Hong Kong (1st Taikoo) Troop of Boy Scouts; the Chinese C.Y.M.S.; the Chinese Young Ladies' and the "Little Flower" Association for the good service rendered; Messrs. Xavier, Bros., for procuring the European Toys, without commission and Mr. Ho Wing of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the loan of the Bank Shroff; Mr. Beveridge of the Hong Kong Bank for arranging the conveyance of the takings to the bank after the fete, and all others not here mentioned who contributed in any way towards the success of the fete.

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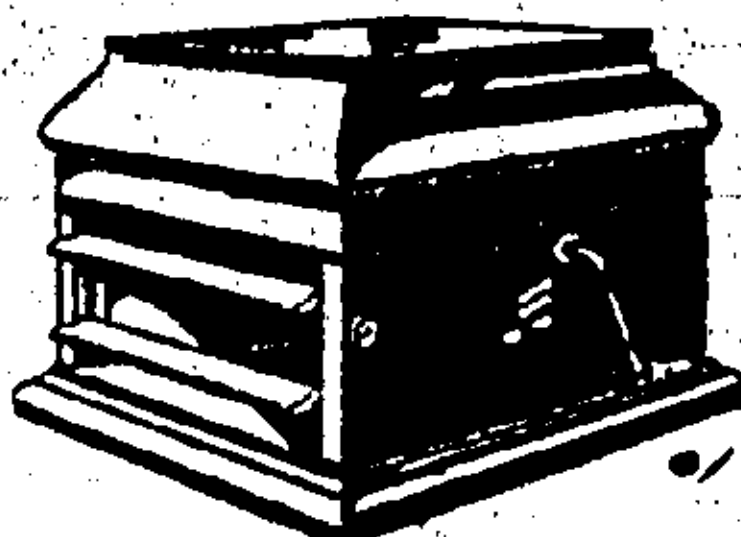
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THE NINTH ORDINARY
YEARLY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at
the Head Office of the Company, St.
George's Building, CHURCH ROAD,
Victoria, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY,
the 22nd day of DECEMBER, 1927, at
10.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a
Statement of Accounts and the Report
of the Directors for the Year ended 30th
SEPTEMBER, 1927, and electing
Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED on SATUR-
DAY, the 10th DECEMBER, 1927,
until THURSDAY, the 22nd DECEM-
BER, 1927, Both Days inclusive.
Shareholders intending to send in for
Registration Transfers of Partly Paid
"New" Shares are particularly request-
ed to note that the liability to pay the
Final Call of \$3 Per Share is not trans-
ferred to the Transferee, and the Com-
pany will therefore require Payment of
the Final Call before registering a
Transfer of "New" Shares.
On all Final Calls paid in advance of
the ultimately due date, the Company
pays Interest half-yearly, i.e. to 31st
DECEMBER and 30th JUNE, at the
rate of Seven Per Cent. Per Annum from
the date of payment of the call until
the date when the call finally falls due.
SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 6th Dec., 1927. [5610]

UNITED SERVICES RECREA-
TION CLUB.

A TENNIS TOURNAMENT will
be held at the Club com-
mencing—

- (a) OPEN EVENTS—FRIDAY,
JANUARY 6th.
(b) HANDICAP EVENTS—FRIDAY,
JANUARY 13th.
- The Tournament is only open to
Members and Subscribers, their Wives
and Families, and Guests staying in their
Bouses.

ENTRANCE FEES—
Open Events: \$3 for each Player.
Handicap Events: \$2 for each Player.
Entries should reach the Hon. Secre-
tary, U.S.R.C., by SUNDAY, JANU-
ARY 1st, and Lists posted in the Club
will be taken down on that Date.

- EVENTS—
MIXED DOUBLES—Open and Handicap.
MEN'S DOUBLES—"
MEN'S SINGLES—"
LADIES' DOUBLES—"
LADIES' SINGLES—"

The Committee have decided
that the Tournament must
be completed as soon as
possible and the Time
allowed for the Completion
of Each Round will be limited.
The Tournament Rules
will be strictly enforced.

G. F. CHARLES,
Captain,
THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS,
Hon. Secy., U.S.R.C.
[5609]

NEW TERRITORIES AGRICUL-
TURAL SHOW.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,
7th and 8th DECEMBER, 1927.

OFFICIAL OPENING
H.E. THE GOVERNOR
ON
WEDNESDAY, 7th DECEMBER,
at 2.30 p.m.

TRAINS to SHUNGO SHUI at 1.15 p.m.
from Kowloon.
" from SHUNGO SHUI at 4.45 p.m.
to Kowloon.
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[5590]

INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Certificate No. 5/N8
13017 dated Hong Kong, 7th SEPTEMBER
1927, for Ten Shares of this Bank
numbered 58150/58159 in the Name of
Mr. ARNOLD RUSSELL RIVETT
has been LOST or STOLEN, and should
this Certificate not be produced to the
Bank before the 22nd DECEMBER,
1927, a New Certificate for the Shares
will be issued, and the aforesaid Cer-
tificate No. 5/N8 13017 will be thereaf-
ter treated by this Corporation as NULL
and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 22nd November, 1927. [5558]

THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT &
TRADING CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF SHARE
WARRANTS TO BEARER.

HOLDERS of Share Warrants to
Bearer in the above Company
Numbered 1 to 236,000 (inclusive) of 5
Shares Each and 1 to 84,000 (inclusive)
of 20 Shares Each are Reminded that
after payment of Coupon No. 50 the Cou-
pons on such Warrants will be Exhausted.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that after the date for payment of the
dividend for which Coupon No. 50 will
be used holders of these Share War-
rants should cut off the talons attached
to the warrants. Particulars of the
talons should then be entered in a
PRINTED LIST (Forms of which will
be obtainable ONLY AT THE COM-
PANY'S OFFICE, ST. HENRY'S
COURT, 22, GREAT ST. HENRY'S,
LONDON, E.C.3), and the Printed
List ACCOMPANIED BY THE
TALONS should be lodged by the
holder in Person (if Resident in England)
or by his Banker or other Agent Resident
in England (BUT NOT THROUGH
THE POST) at the Company's Office
mentioned above.

No talon will be accepted unless
accompanied by a list duly completed
and signed by the warrant holder
(if Resident in England) or by a banker
or other Agent Resident in England.
A receipt will be given for the list and
talons and if these are found in order
new coupons will be issued in exchange
for the receipts on or after the FOURTH
DAY after lodgment of talons and
Lists.

By Order of the Board,
E. A. SMITH BEWSE,
Secretary.
St. Helen's Court,
22, Great St. Helen's,
London, October, 1927. [5600]

MACAO RACES.
FIFTH EXTRA RACE
MEETING.

SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER, 1927.
(Weather Permitting).

FIRST SADDLING RACE: 12.45 p.m.
FIRST RACE AT 1.15 p.m.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE 40 Cts.
MEMBER'S ENCLOSURE \$2.00

STREAMERS TO MACAO—
S.S. "SUI AN"—9.30 a.m.,
SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER.
S.S. "LUNGSHAN"—9.30 a.m.,
SUNDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

RETURN FROM MACAO—
S.S. "LUNGSHAN"—5.00 p.m.,
S.S. "SUI AN"—6.30 p.m.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary. [5597]

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LECTURE: ON THE "HISTORI-
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The First Church of Christ, Scientist,
in Boston, Massachusetts

In the Old Chamber of
Commerce Room,
City Hall.

TUESDAY,
December 6th, 1927,
At 5.45 p.m.

The Public is Cordially Invited
to Attend. [5594]

BIRTH.
HALL—On December 4th, at the
Peak Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs.
J. HALL, a son. [5606]

Hong Kong Office: 11, Ice House
Street.
London Office: 21, Bride Lane,
Fleet Street, E.C.4

The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 6th, 1927.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

"THE time has now come when the
nation must decide whether or not
Westminster Abbey is to retain the
place it has held for centuries as the
shrine of the nation's memories of
the great men and women who have
given noble service to the British
Commonwealth, to science, litera-
ture and art. Delay in making this
decision is no longer possible." This
statement appears in a report of
a sub-committee of the Cathed-
rals Commission of the Church
Assembly, whose full report on the
cathedrals and collegiate churches
of England was recently published.
The subject is of great interest not
only to Great Britain but also to
the Empire, for Westminster Abbey
is in a special sense the heritage of
the race. Years ago it was realised

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that the Abbey was hopelessly con-
gested with monuments, some of
which have little claim to merit as
works of art, while in other cases
the achievements of men whose
names are preserved have failed to
stand the test of time. In 1855 Mr.
GLASTON'S Government inquired
into the whole question of monu-
ments in the Abbey, but shirked the
difficult task of finding a remedy.
Now, however, the problem has to
be faced.

Three remedies are possible. But
only two are put forward by the
Commission as practicable propo-
sals. The first plan is to add a
new north aisle stretching from the
north transept to the west front,
and the other is to erect, on the
south-east of the Abbey, an am-
bulatory round the Chapter House
and a series of cloisters. The
Commission recommend the second
rather than the first scheme. It
would be more costly, involving an
expenditure of nearly £200,000, but
it would not interfere with "the
only part of the Abbey where the
design is visible in one unbroken
front." But there are grave objec-
tions to both these schemes, for the
risk is that a new building no
matter how carefully and cleverly
it was designed, would clash with
the old and injure its venerable
beauty.

Apart from that it is urged with
much force that a new building
could never make the same appeal
as the old pile that has stood like
a poem in stone all through the
centuries. As the Commissioners
put it, the Abbey stands as "A
priceless heritage of our Christian
civilisation." The feeling is that
any extension or new building in
the precincts would be a desecra-
tion. To alter in any way the
beloved and familiar structure in
order to provide room for future
memorials of men of eminence is
regarded generally in England as

an offence against public sentiment
which cannot be tolerated. "A
peerage or Westminster Abbey"
was Nelson's cry as he went into
action at the Battle of Nile. As a
matter of fact he rests, like
WELLINGTON, in St. Paul's but his
phrase has become historic because
it concisely expresses the estimation
in which the shrine at Westminster
is held, "a burial at the Abbey"
being recognised as the last and
greatest honour that can be paid
by Britain to her noblest sons.

In the controversy that has in-
evitably arisen on the report it is
urged that if a choice has to be
made between keeping the Abbey as
it is and discontinuing the use of
it as a memorial shrine for illus-
trious people in the future "the
former alternative is the more
preferable. But there is a third
plan which finds a good deal of
editorial support in the newspapers,
and this is to clear the Abbey of
monuments of no historic or
aesthetic value that now encumber
it. Many of these are of a gigantic
size which was fashionable in the
18th century; and the suggestion is
that they should be placed in the
cloisters. But the task of deciding
what statues or busts ought to dis-
appear so as to leave room for the
great ones of the future is one of
enormous difficulty. The question
is asked, however, whether the plan
need be shirked for that reason. It
certainly appears to offer the best
solution if the Abbey is to remain
unchanged as a glorious and
historic fane.

The Colony had a clean bill of
health as regards notifiable diseases
over the week-end.

An unidentified Chinese hanged
himself on the hillside at Jubilee
Road during the week-end.

The usual committee meeting of
the Chinese Chamber of Commerce
takes place to-day, at 2.30 p.m.

An Organ Recital is to be given
by Mr. F. Mason at St. John's
Cathedral next Tuesday (December
13th) at 5.45 p.m.

The Dockyard Recreation Club
are holding a whist drive and
dance at the Seamen's Institute
this evening, beginning at 8.30.

Among passengers arriving here
from Manila yesterday by the
R.M.S. *Empress of Canada* were
Mr. M. M. Maas and Mr. and Mrs.
K. K. Staple.

As from January 1st, 1928, the
registered office of the Royal Hong
Kong Golf Club will be at York
Building, fourth floor, Chater
Road.

The proprietor of the Bombay
Cafe in Kowloon has reported to the
police the theft of a quantity of
wine, cigarettes and money, worth
altogether \$168.

The annual sale of work for the
Blind Home at Kowloon, will be
opened at the Helena May Institute
to-day, at 10 a.m. The sale will
continue until 6 p.m.

The opening dance of the season
under the auspices of St. Peter's
Church Young Men's Club is being
held this evening at Messrs. Lane,
Crawford's Restaurant, beginning
at 8.30.

A report made to the police by a
Chinese lady passenger on the a.s.
Hagan Maru states that a hand-
bag containing money and valu-
ables amounting to \$266 was stolen
from her cabin.

Following a family quarrel, a
Chinese fireman employed on one of
the harbour launches, took opium
with the alleged intention of end-
ing his life. He was removed to
the Kowloon Hospital.

The St. John's Cathedral roof has
been badly attacked by white ants,
and is needing considerable repairs,
hence the scaffolding which now
obstructs the view in the Cathedral.
It is supposed the repairs will be
concluded before Christmas.

A meeting for members of the St.
John's Cathedral Branch of the
Church of England Men's Society
will be held at the Cathedral Hall
to-day, at 6 p.m. The speaker will
be the Rev. A. D. Stewart, who is
giving an address on "Christ, the
Politician."

Following a report made by a
woman living at Hollywood Road
that her 19-year-old daughter had
disappeared, the police ascertained
that the missing girl was on board
the a.s. *Kaitang* bound for Singa-
pore. The vessel was stopped by a
police launch at Stonecutters' and
the girl was removed to the Central
Police Station. The girl declared
that the woman who made the re-
port about her disappearance was
not her real mother.

A Chinese prisoner committed
suicide by hanging himself in the
detention room of the Central
Police Station. The man's trousers
provided material for making the
rope. Prisoner was detained in
connection with the Seymour Ter-
race robbery.

The bodies of three men and a
woman were recovered during the
week-end off Saikung, and were
identified as being those of the
Chinese who were lost by jumping
overboard when a motor boat
caught fire while on a picnic trip
the previous Sunday.

A lecture on Christian Science
will be given this evening, at 5.45
at the Old Chamber of Commerce
Room, City Hall, by Dr. John M.
Tutt, C.S.B., of Kansas City (a
member of the Board of Lectureship
of the Northern Church, the
First Church of Christ, Scientist,
in Boston Mass.)

Probate of the will of Mr. George
Victor Hughes, accountant, late of
No. 1, Humphrey's Building, Kow-
loon, who died at the Government
Civil Hospital on October 5th,
1927, has been granted to his widow,
Mrs. M. Hughes, to whom testator
leaves everything. The estate in
Hong Kong is valued at \$2,300.

To comply with the legal condi-
tions regarding the holding of
military land, the War Department
roads and paths in the Colony
were closed from 9 a.m. yesterday,
remaining so until 8 a.m. to-day.
Notices were posted to this effect
over all paths and sentries were
stationed with fixed bayonets. No
one except Army and Navy officers,
police officers, letter carriers and
those holding permits are allowed
on W.D. land during the pro-
hibited hours.

Considerable excitement was caused
in Des Voeux Road Central
during the tiffin hour yesterday.
One of the chimneys of Messrs.
Wing On & Co., on the side of the
building nearest the World Theatre
caught fire, and the Central Fire
Station immediately despatched two
appliances to the scene. The
brigade were called out at 1.40,
but four minutes later the "stop"
signal was given and the appliances
returned to the station. The out-
break was extinguished without
calling on the firemen for
assistance.

An interesting visitor to Shang-
hai (staying at the Y.M.C.A.) is
Mr. John R. Adlam, from Australia,
representing the *Farmers and
Graziers Newspaper* and the *Sun-
day Times*, and filling in his time
as a lecturer and entertainer with
monologues and songs at the piano.
Already he has travelled extensiv-
ely in the Far East and is just back
from a tour in Japan. He is very
complimentary to Shanghai, espe-
cially as regards its big modern
buildings, and, though very proud
of Australia, he says, when com-
paring it with Shanghai, that
"after all, Australia is just a big
camp." Mr. Adlam expects to
stay about a month.

HOME MAILS.

YESTERDAY'S TAKES 33
DAYS.

It is always uncertain when mails
from Home via Negapatnam will
arrive here, but the one arriving
yesterday appears to have taken
even longer than usual. Dated,
London, November 3rd, it took no
fewer than 33 days to reach here,
probably having been delayed at
some port en route.

On Thursday another Home
mail is due via Suez, and the
Moroca will bring letters and
papers, dated London, November
10th, and parcels of a week earlier
to the 10th. This mail will have
been 29 days en route from London.
Yesterday's Home mail arrived
by the *Tanba*. There were 267
bags landed here, 137 being for
Hong Kong. Of these 9 bags con-
tained letters and papers from the
United Kingdom.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, fore-
cast and remarks, issued by the
Royal Observatory at 5.45 p.m.,

The anti-cyclone over Japan has
weakened.

A fresh anti-cyclone has formed
over N. China.

Local Forecast:—N.W. winds,
moderate to fresh, fine to cloudy.

THE TYPHOON.
The typhoon is about 140 miles
S.W.W. of Manila, moving W. or
W.N.W. It may increase in inten-
sity on entering the China Sea.

A message from Manila Obser-
vatory states that at 10.30 a.m. on
the 5th the typhoon was in about
150deg. Long. E. and 10deg. Lat.
N., direction unknown.

At 9 a.m. on the 5th the typhoon
was in about 124deg. Long. E. and
13deg. Lat. N., moving W.N.W.

At 6 p.m. yesterday the typhoon
was in 120deg. Long. E., 13deg.
Lat. N., moving West.

IKEBANA.

A JAPANESE NATIONAL
ART.

FLOWER MEANINGS AND
SYMBOLISM.

For those who were present at
the Helena May Institute last even-
ing, the demonstration on "Japane-
se Flower Placing," or the art of
"Ikebana," proved very interesting
indeed. This art has been in exist-
ence in Japan for thirteen centuries,
gradually being improved until it
reached its present stage of per-
fection in the 13th century since
when it has hardly changed at all.

An explanation of how "flower
placing" in Japan conveys various
sentiments and meanings, its use
in religious ceremonial, which
somewhat resembles the European
candles and incense, and how it
also figures in amusement and en-
tertainment, was ably given by Mr.
Y. Murakami, Consul-General for
Japan in Hong Kong, prior to the
interesting demonstration by Mr.
Wada.

The large audience, included
Lady Clementi, Sir Henry Gollan
(Chief Justice), Mr. Justice J. R.
Wood, Mr. A. E. Wood (Director
of Education), Mr. Ralphs (Inspec-
tor of English Schools) and Sir
Joseph Kemp, K.C.

Dealing with the meaning and
usefulness of Ikebana Mr. Mura-
kami said that Ikebana literally
meant the way and manner of put-
ting plants, or vegetation with or
without flowers, in a living condi-
tion. It is an art to display or
reflect intensively the beauty and
joys of nature in a flower vase.

It helped people to appreciate
the beauty of nature even though
confined in a small and humble
room, and it helped to keep the
mind pure, calm, self-possessed and
contented.

Flower placing, explained the
speaker, is used not only for
amusements or culture but also in
conveying sentiments or ideas to
others. In short, Ikebana is an
art and an accomplishment for the
people in Japan and an etiquette
in social life.

Ikebana was said to have been
originated in Japan more than
1,300 years ago, by Prince Shotoku.
Later a modification of Prince
Shotoku's art was introduced in
an Ikebana school following Chi-
nese theory. This particular style
of the art was still being widely
learned. Up to the sixth century,
however, Ikebana was retained in
the ritual of the service to the
Buddha in the same manner that
candles were lit and incense offered
in western religions. It was not
until the tenth century that the art
was introduced as an amusement
and entertainment among the high-
er classes and at Court.

During the following five cen-
turies when there were struggles
between war lords Ikebana was,
like every art and science left to the
care of priests, and Court nobles
and the Imperial household.

Still Thrives.

The art was fostered, and by the
fifteenth century had reached a very
high standard and was very little
changed to-day. Minor details had
been improved but the principle
was the same. Although Western
civilisation had affected the Japane-
se for nearly a century yet Ikebana
still retained its old and tradition-
al influence. It was deemed by the
Japanese to be an essential accom-
plishment for ladies and gentlemen.
It might, in the social sphere, be
compared to the piano in the
Western World. There were many
schools of this art in Japan from
the old and simple ones down to
the latest and more artificial ones.
Although each school claimed that
its style was the best, there was no
fundamental difference in idea and
principle but only in minor details.

Some Of The Principles Of

Ikebana.
The speaker then went on to
explain the three fundamental
principles of Ikebana and with the
aid of a black board, gave illustra-
tion of the method of arranging
plants after a special form. There
were three chief forms of arranging
them with certain specified dis-
tances between each plant.

In selecting plants for conveying
meanings and sentiments three
kinds of branches were necessary,
thick, long and in full bloom, half
bloom and buds. In leaves there
are young foliage grown up leaves
and the leaves which had faded in
colour. In flower there are buds,
flower in half bloom and flower in
full bloom.

The speaker went on to explain
in detail the art of presenting the
plant, leaf or flower in a pure and
clean form of beauty and yet to
retain as far as possible its natural
beauty. He also referred to the
utensils used or required for pre-
paring the art of Ikebana and also
illustrated by diagrams the method
of arranging flowers in certain
portions of Japanese houses.

Following Mr. Murakami's in-
teresting introduction, Mr. Wada
gave a demonstration on "Japane-
se Flower placing," with the aid of
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**KUOMINTANG PRELIMINARY MEETING
MINUS A QUORUM.**

SEVEN EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT.
SWATOW SETS UP ITS OWN KUOMINTANG IN
OPPOSITION TO CANTON.

NATIVE PRESS PUBLISHES SERIES OF KUOMINTANG
RESOLUTIONS.
STRIKINGLY ANTI-COMMUNISTIC IN TONE.

**NANKING'S FOREIGN SECRETARY
FORMALLY PROTESTS AGAINST
U.S. LOAN TO JAPAN.**

As was predicted by the vernacular Press the Kuomintang preliminary meeting at Shanghai, has failed to materialise, there being no quorum to enable the business to proceed. As the hitch was caused by the absence of seven members of the Executive, it is probable that a remedy will soon be forthcoming and another attempt be made to hold the much discussed meeting.

The vernacular Press publishes a series of resolutions which, it is stated, General Li Chung Jen intended to submit to the Kuomintang preliminary meet. They are distinctly anti-Communist.

It is confirmed that the Northerners have suffered a severe setback in the neighbourhood of Hsuehchow. The native Press reports that Marshal Feng's troops have inflicted considerable losses upon the Fengtienese troops in Northern Honan.

Dr. C. C. Wu has written direct to the State Department at Washington and protested against the American bankers granting a loan to Japan to be used in the development of Japanese interests in Manchuria.

**ABORTIVE KUOMINTANG
MEETING.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5th.
To-day's Kuomintang preliminary meeting was postponed owing to the lack of a quorum, caused by the absence of seven executive members.

**LATEST KUOMINTANG
RESOLUTIONS.**

(Fah Tze Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, December 5th.
At the preliminary meeting of the 4th Kuomintang Conference, General Li Chung Jen will propose the following resolutions:—

1.—Kuomintang political principles must be clearly defined so as to make them essentially different from Communism.

2.—Any group of Kuomintang members which has any radical inclination tending to deviate from Kuomintang principles, or is alleged to have any connection with Communists must be severely dealt with.

3.—All revenue sources within Kuomintang jurisdiction must be placed under direct control of the Government so as to prevent any military officer from setting up his own sphere of influence.

5.—The anti-Red resolution must be reconsidered so that it may adopt a more definite policy vis-à-vis the "Reds."

**More Kuomintang Leaders In
Shanghai.**

General Bei Chung Hsi, Fang Sing Tao, Chen Ming Shu and Commodore Yueng Shu Chuang arrived at Shanghai from Nanking yesterday.

**THE AMERICAN LOAN TO
JAPAN.**

(Fah Tze Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, December 5th.
Concerning the proposed American loan to Japan, which the latter will use to develop the Manchuria provinces, Dr. C. C. Wu, Foreign Minister of the Nanking Government, has despatched a telegram of protest to Mr. Kellogg, the Secretary of State Department of the United States, requesting him not to authorise such a loan.

General Li Tsai Hsin's followers at Swatow have telegraphed to him to the effect that a Provincial Kuomintang party and a Provincial Government have been formally instituted at Swatow vis-à-vis Canton, declare the Canton régime to be "illegal."

A military report from the Kihnan Railway says that Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's troops have inflicted considerable damage on the Fengtienese enemy in Northern Honan. They also assert that the fall of Changteh is impending.

The Shansi troops, belonging to the Second Division, attempted to retake the Pingchingkwan. But the Fengtienese offered stubborn resistance. Heavy firing is still proceeding.

**STORMY WEATHER
IN THE ATLANTIC.**

U.S. EASTERN STATES
EXPERIENCE WINTRY
CONDITIONS.

TWO VESSELS ASHORE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, December 5th.
The Eastern states yesterday had their first taste of winter in the form of gales and high seas, while along the coast snowstorms and a seventy-mile an hour gale swept. The Norwegian steamer *Cibao* and the Greek steamer *Paraguay* are ashore off the North Carolina coast.

Four men of the *Paraguay* were drowned but the remainder of the crew of both vessels were rescued.

The seas around the *Cibao* were so high that the rescuers were unable to approach the ship. The crew of 24 roped themselves together and leaped into the sea. The rescuers picked up the end of the rope and towed the men three miles to the land. Eight of them were unconscious when brought ashore, but they revived.

**U.S.A.'S SEVENTIETH
CONGRESS.**

4,300 BILLS AWAITING ITS
ATTENTION.

MOST "WILL NEVER SEE
THE LIGHT."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5th.
The 70th Congress of the United States is being convened to-day. Over 4,300 Bills are awaiting attention, but most of them will never see the light. One of outstanding importance is the new \$236,000,000 Tax Reduction Bill, which it is confidently hoped will be disposed of before Christmas.

**THE TEN RESOLUTIONS.
PRELIMINARY KUOMINTANG
CONFERENCE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5th.
The preliminary conference met again at Chang Kai Shek's residence this afternoon and there are possibilities of the meetings lasting several days. There appears to be an atmosphere of indecision, chiefly owing to the Canton episode.

The following ten resolutions are before the conference:—

1. The abolition or maintenance of a Special Central Committee and other organisations created by that body.

2. The organisation of a 'Standing Committee.'

3. The reorganisation of all departments in the Kuomintang Headquarters.

4. The organisation of a Political Committee.

5. The reorganisation of the Nationalist Government.

6. The confirmation or rejection of the resolutions passed at Nanking and Hankow.

7. The registration of the followers of the Kuomintang.

8. The convening of a third conference of Nationalist representatives.

9. The discussion of other points raised.

10. The time and place for holding the Fourth Plenary Session.

**ACCIDENT TO M.
ZOUBKOFF.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GODESBURG, December 5th.
M. Zoubkoff met with an accident to-day while mounting his motorcycle. He was taken to hospital suffering from internal and other injuries.

[M. Zoubkoff is the youthful husband of the ex-Kaiser's sister aged 63. Their recent marriage created much stir in Germany.]

**IRISH FREE STATE
BORROWING.**

NEGOTIATING A LOAN IN
AMERICAN MARKET.

\$15,000,000 AT 5%.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Dec. 5th.
The Irish Free State is appearing as a borrower in the American market for the first time to-day with an offer for a loan of G.\$15,000,000 at 5 per cent. issued at 97. G.\$4,000,000 worth are also being issued in Ireland.

**STOCK DIVIDENDS
IN AMERICA.**

ENORMOUS INCREASE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4th.
Investigations of the Federal Trade Commission show an enormous increase in stock dividends paid by corporations. Since the Supreme Court held that such dividends are not taxable to shareholders, 6,253 million dollars were so paid since 1920 by 10,245 corporations whereas during the seven years preceding the Court's decision 623 million were paid by 4,967 corporations.

Corporations, in the latter case, paid stock dividends to the extent of 15 per cent. of the total dividends by group.

Since 1920 stock dividends have exceeded 45 per cent. of the total paid.

**AERIAL PROGRESS.
PROMISING EXPERIMENTS.**

ENGLAND TO NEW ZEALAND
IN 12 DAYS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, December 3rd.
Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, speaking at Oxford University last night said it was hoped that two new airships would be completed some time next year.

If experiments which the ministry had been conducting for the last three years succeeded they would bring Egypt within 2 days of England, India within 4 days, Australia within 10 or 11 days, New Zealand within 12 or 13 days. That would be a great advantage to the British Empire and to trade and commerce generally. The Ministry had embarked definitely upon a long period of research and were carrying out a series of small scale experiments. A number of scientists were engaged on work and great progress in design and knowledge of airships had been made. The Meteorological Office had charted the air between England and India and had acquired information about air currents that had never been known before.

**AUSTRALIA'S WATERSIDE
STRIKE.**

A BETTER ATMOSPHERE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MELBOURNE, Dec. 4th.
The outlook in the Waterside dispute is improved. As a result of Senator McLachlan's conference all parties to the proposal are submitting to the arbitration of the board to-morrow. On condition that the overtime strike be called off and the watersiders resume work under the former conditions, the Arbitration Court will immediately consider the contentious clauses in the last agreement.

CABLE v. BEAM.

STATEMENT BY AUSTRALIA'S
PREMIER.

IMPORTANT PROPOSAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANBERRA, December 5th.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Bruce said the position of the cable service since the development of the beam wireless system was serious and was becoming acute. It would be more so should the beam system advance during the next twelve months at the same rate as it had during the first two months.

It is proposed to appoint a committee of representatives of the Governments concerned to meet in Great Britain to discuss the question.

**EARTHQUAKES IN
THE CELEBES.**

MANY NATIVES KILLED OR
INJURED.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, Dec. 5th.
Fourteen natives are reported killed and 50 injured in earthquakes in the north-west of the Celebes, especially in the Dongalir and Paloe districts.

Much damage is reported.

GERMAN LABOUR DISPUTE.

SHORTER HOURS AND
HIGHER PAY.

COMPROMISE EXPECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Dec. 4th.
Trouble has arisen in the German iron and steel industry owing to the insistence of the trades unions that the decree of the Ministry of Labour providing for an eight hour day be strictly executed from January 1st, and also to a demand for an increase of wages.

The employers contend that the decree can only be carried out gradually, and that an increase of wages is impossible without a 10 per cent. rise in prices. This would have the effect of excluding their products from the world market.

The closing on January 1st of all works is threatened failing a compromise, which, however, is regarded as most probable.

**HOPES OF DISARMAMENT
CONFERENCE.**

FIRST SESSION OF PREPARA-
TORY COMMISSION
CONCLUDED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 4th.
The session of the Preparatory Commission for the Disarmament Conference concluded with yesterday's meeting at Geneva. February 28th was fixed as the date for the meeting of the Security Committee set up by the Commission and it was decided to hold the next session of the Preparatory Commission on March 15th. Hopes were expressed that the Disarmament Conference would be held next year.

Sir A. Chamberlain and M. Briand, London yesterday for Geneva to attend the League Council meeting which opens on Monday, spent a few hours in Paris and dined with the British Ambassador before proceeding by the same train as the French Foreign Minister, M. Briand.

**A YEAR OF PRO-
HIBITION.**

1,319 AMERICAN VESSELS
SEIZED.

BOOTLEGGERS BUILDING
BETTER AND SPEEDIER
BOATS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5th.

1,319 American vessels were seized during the past year attempting to introduce intoxicating liquor into the United States of which 320 carried liquor and the remainder were without cargo.

According to the annual report, Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt, the Assistant Attorney-General in charge of the Prohibition Division, says that 330 American vessels with contraband liquor were captured during the previous year.

The report records that bootleggers are continually building better and speedier boats whose operations are more efficient and their capture more difficult. It says that the seizure of foreign vessels has continued about the same as heretofore. More stringent regulations of the Canadian Government has decreased the illegal operations from Canadian ports. The report mentions the Supreme Court decision of April as regards the legality of the seizure of the British steamship *Quandra* in the Pacific as "settling many of the hitherto doubtful questions respecting the interpretation of Anglo-American extraterritorial seizure convention."

Approximately G.\$6,000,000 in federal judgments, fines and penalties were imposed and "a definite increase in the percentage of fines was collected." There was a very substantial increase in Civil Court business but a notable decrease in criminal business under the National Prohibition Act.

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**CAPTAIN LALOR
DISAPPEARS.**

NAVAL EXPEDITION STARTS
FROM ICHANG.

NO FURTHER NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5th.

Communication which had been established by the naval authorities with Captain Lalor has been broken off owing to the pirates, with their captive, removing further inland, but the naval authorities believe that they know the new location of the band, and a small naval expedition to the spot is starting from Ichang to-day.

General Yang Sen left Ichang yesterday for an unknown destination.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 4th.

The Chinese pirates who captured Captain Lalor, master of the steamer *Siang Tan*, while the vessel was at anchor during the night at Iu en route to Ichang have demanded \$60,000 as ransom and have threatened to kill the captive if any offensive steps against them are taken. The British authorities, however, hope shortly to effect a release and have already established communication with Lalor.

General Yan Sen, who controls this section of the Yangtze, has, at the request of the British, sent two parties to round up the pirate gang. The British gunboats *Ree* and *Montis* have proceeded to Ichang where the *Aphis* and *Gnat* are already stationed. Two members of the Chinese crew were killed and several persons wounded when Captain Lalor was captured.

An Undelivered Telegram.

ICHANG, Dec. 4th.
The telegram to Capt. Lalor at Peking has not been delivered. It is reported that the bandits have moved. The letter is known and the district from which they came.

The bank states they are unable to obtain the tax stamp for the notes required for ransom. The total amount demanded is therefore not available but the expedition will leave on December 5th with what money is available.

It is reported that Yang Sen has left Ichang.

The Senior Naval Officer on the Yangtze in the *Bee* and H.M.S. *Montis* are due at Ichang on the 6th inst.

The military has stopped communication between British merchant ships and the shore and Messrs. Butterfield & Swire and Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. have suspended sailings to Ichang for the time being.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

**D.O.R.A.'S REIGN TO
CONTINUE.**

"NO TOBACCO AFTER 8 P.M."
TO BE PERMANENT.

The D.O.R.A. Committee of the House of Commons, which has been inquiring into the restrictions on the sale of tobacco, sweets, etc., in places of entertainment, has completed its report, says a London paper to hand.

The Committee was set up as a consequence of widespread criticism of the continuance of the war-time restrictions, one of which makes it illegal to sell tobacco after 8 p.m.

The Committee, while making certain minor amendatory suggestions, will record its view that the existing regulations should stand, and should be permanent.

Thus they will recommend that there shall be no extension of hours of sale in shops, public-houses, or places of entertainment.

The Committee, presided over by Sir William Mackenzie, K.C., is stated to have been influenced by the weight of public opinion from shopkeepers' assistants. The evidence from licensed houses and places of entertainment, it is said, did not reveal a general demand for change, and the desirability of change in the public interest, it is declared, was not strong enough to warrant a change.

The regulations, it will be recalled, were framed about eight years ago largely in the interests of economy of fuel, food, and light in a time of national necessity.

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SHANSI'S SHORT-LIVED EFFORT.

ANTI-NORTHERN EXPEDITION BROKEN.

PROVINCE PLUNGED INTO DISTRESS.

TATUNG, Shansi, Nov. 18th.

Tatung became one of the storm centres of political strife in China at the end of September. Since the revolution in China in 1911-12, the Governor of the province of Shansi had managed to steer a middle course. He refused to join any of the political parties contending for the control of China, and the whole of his attention was directed to the administration of the affairs of his own people. This produced such beneficial effect that the province generally was spoken of as the model province.

In the early months of this summer, it looked as if the whole of China soon was to come under the control of the Nationalists of the south. At this stage, the Governor threw in his lot with the Southern Nationalists, and preparations were started for a military enterprise. On September 28th we were surprised to hear that the railway communication to and from Peking had been stopped. The same day, the whole of the Shansi forces began to move out of the province and launched a campaign for the capture of Peking, it being estimated that the expeditionary force contained about 150,000 soldiers of all arms. This force was divided into five armies moving towards Peking from the west, along five different roads.

The campaign was arranged so secretly and was started with such suddenness that the Northerners were caught quite unprepared and they had to fall back before the invaders. Now they have been driven back and it seems as if the warlord of Manchuria intends to continue the campaign until the whole of Shansi is subject to his control.

A Long Isolation.

We were cut off from the outside world for seven weeks. On Sunday last, the first train arrived from Peking and brought us two months' mail. During this period, we have seen some of the varied scenes at an important base in time of war. At one time, there were over 1,050 patients in makeshift hospitals. The so-called doctors in charge were Chinese students who had been trained for a year or so in one of the mission hospitals as nurses. In less than a month after the outbreak of hostilities, it became apparent that the Shansi expedition had spent itself. We received in turn the retreating army of Shansi and then in close succession the victorious Manchurian army. The towns and villages through which the soldiers passed have suffered grievously. There has been oppression and violence everywhere of indescribable barbarity.

Oppression.

The people of the district have been exploited unmercifully. They have been forced to supply food and accommodation for both armies in turn, their women folk have been treated shamefully, their supplies of food and grain have been used freely for feeding the horses and mules of the military. Their young men have been conscripted as labourers to carry the burdens of the soldiers, and their horses, mules, donkeys, cows, and carts have been

seized and are not likely to be returned, being required for transport work. At present, we are under the rule of the Governor of Kirin, the Manchurian General in charge of the operations along the north-west frontier.

The Relief Work.

During this time of strife we have had our work to do. When the railway service suddenly was suspended we became a travellers' aid society and took care of a number of stranded travellers until such time as the railway service was resumed. Some of these people were with us six weeks. The famine relief which took the form of collecting the medicinal herb *ephedra* was carried on until the military made it impossible for them to seek the carts for transport work and the poor people were afraid to bring in their supplies.

On account of the savagery of the soldiers, we were approached with a view to using the mission premises as a city of refuge for defenceless women and children. We have been able to find shelter in this way for over one hundred refugees; they have now been with us nearly a month and are likely to remain for an indefinite period of time. We have work now to do without going out to look for it. We give them all an opportunity of attending our evening service, which we arrange to suit their capabilities.

The Moslem Memorial Hospital, under the supervision of Mr. Francis Li, has been patronized by the wounded of both armies, but it now looks as if it will close down, as no carts can be hired to carry coal. Some of the wounded were left behind by the retreating army on the streets. The worst cases were received and cared for in the hospital, but in a haphazard country the maimed and helpless are not wanted in the home, and now we are faced with the problem of providing for such as we befriended.

Murder Of Priests.

Two Catholic priests have been murdered in our district within the last two months, giving up their lives defending their mission property. Robbery with violence is of nightly occurrence in our city, and sometimes is accompanied with wounding or murder. It is impossible to go out into the villages, for there is great likelihood of being relieved of all one's belongings, either by soldiers or else by robbers. Railway travelling in this district also is an adventure. We now are left with no safe and sure means of transit.

The whole district is swarming with bands of brigands, and it is not likely to settle down as long as this war is going on in our midst. We must wait patiently for peace and settled government and in the meanwhile there is work to be done right at hand: ministering to those in distress and supplying the means of grace to the few faithful sharing in the work. It looks as if this district will be disturbed with war and strife for some considerable time, but it is not possible for any one to forecast future events, especially here in China.—*North China Daily News.*

CRICKET.

ARMY KNOCKOUT COMPETITION.

Under the auspices of the South China Command Sports Board, a Cricket Knockout Competition is now in progress among various units of the garrison. Twenty-four teams have been entered and the second round has been reached.

The following are the results to date:—

First Round.

Headquarters 2, Scots Guards beat H.Q. & D.E. R.A. Left Fl. Scots Guards beat R. Engineers and R. Corps Signals. "F" Scots Guards beat 15th Bty. R.A. 27th Co., R.A.M.C. beat Headquarters Queen's Regiment. R.A.S.C. beat "A" Co., 2nd K.O.S.B. "D" Co., Queen's Regt. beat "D" Co., 2nd K.O.S.B. 21st Bty. R.A. beat 20th Bty. R.A. 1st Bty. R.A. beat Headquarters 1, Scots Guards.

Second Round.

"G" Co., Scots Guards beat Right Fl. Scots Guards. Headquarters 1, Queen's Regiment beat R.A.O.C. "A" Co., Queen's Regt. W.O. from "B" Co., Queen's Regt. Left Fl. Scots Guards beat Headquarters 2, Scots Guards. R.A.S.C. beat "D" Co., Queen's Guards. 21st Bty. R.A. beat 21st Bty. R.A.

Positions To Date.

The positions to date are as under:—

- (1) "G" Co., Scots Guards v. Headquarters 1, Queen's Regiment.
- (2) "A" Co., Queen's Regiment v. winners of the tie between 15th Bty. R.A. and "C" Co., Queen's Regiment.
- (3) Left Fl. Scots Guards v. R.A.M.C.
- (4) R.A.S.C. v. 21st Bty. R.A.

Winners of No. 1 add No. 2 meet in the first semi-final and the winners of No. 3 and No. 4 meet in the second semi-final. Semi-finals will be played by the end of the month.

THE LEAGUE.

POSITIONS TO DATE.

Owing to the pressure on space yesterday the Cricket League Table was held over. The table, brought up-to-date, is now given below:—

Division I.

Clubs	M.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Indian R.C. "A"	2	2	0	0	8
Royal Navy	2	1	0	1	4
Craigiepower	2	1	0	1	4
Civil Service	1	1	0	0	3
University	1	1	0	0	3
Chinese R.C.	3	1	2	0	3
Royal Artillery	2	0	2	0	0
Indian R.C. "B"	3	0	3	0	0
Kowloon C.C.	0	0	0	0	0

Division II.

Clubs	M.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
University	3	2	0	3	8
Recreation	4	3	1	0	9
R.A.O.C.	4	3	1	0	9
Police R.C.	4	1	2	1	4
H.K. Electric	2	1	1	0	3
Royal Navy	2	1	1	0	3
H.M.S. Tamar	2	0	1	1	1
Kowloon C.C.	2	0	1	1	1
Civil Service	2	0	1	1	1
Royal Engineers	1	0	1	0	0

FOOTBALL AT MACAO.

K.O.S.B. v. MACAO SPORTING CLUB.

A CAPITAL GAME.

On Sunday the K.O.S.B. sent a team to Macao to play a game of football, in answer to an invitation from the Macao Sporting Club. The game was played before a big crowd and a distinguished gathering including His Excellency the Governor and Madame Barbosa and party. His Excellency, accompanied by his A.D.C. and party, arrived shortly after the start and remained throughout the game. Lieut. Welch, who travelled with the K.O.S.B. team as manager, was presented to the Governor. Preceding the start the British and Portuguese National Anthems were played by the band present.

Pipe Major McKeay of the K.O.S.B. led his team on the field by playing the bagpipe which was much appreciated by the crowd. Before the kick off bouquets were exchanged between the two rival captains, Davy of the K.O.S.B. and Lieut. Braganca of the Sporting Club. These bouquets were presented to Madame Barbosa at the conclusion of the game, which was very keenly contested and ended in a win for the visitors by a goal scored by Stock.

The visitors created quite a sensation when the half and full time scores were despatched to Hong Kong by pigeon carriers. Lieut. Braganca, the energetic captain of the Macao Sporting Club, was responsible for the splendid arrangements and entertainments accorded the visitors, who had a most enjoyable trip.

YACHTING.

LADIES' 2ND CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, the Ladies' sailed their 2nd Championship race of the season. The breeze was favourable and there was some good racing, with keen competition.

Next week the 5th Championship race for the racing yachts will be held on the Saturday, Naval Day on Sunday, and the 3rd Championship race for the Ladies' on the Monday.

The course was as under:—(1) Channel Rocks (P); (2) Kowloon Rock (P); (3) Mark on Line (P); (4) Channel Rocks (S). Distance, 7.4 miles. Results are as under, figures in parentheses denoting the positions of the yachts on corrected time:—

Handicap Class: Start at 3 p.m.

	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Diana (3)	4.35.40	4.44.32
Colleen (4)	4.37.30	4.41.20
Bolla (2)	4.40.38	4.40.38
La Linda (1)	4.41.37	4.36.04
Dorothea (3)	4.48.39	4.41.15

I, Y and G Classes: Start at 3.05 p.m.

	Finishing Time	Corrected Time
Daphne (2)	5.09.08	5.09.08
Alfa (11)	5.23.39	5.23.39
Haleyon (8)	5.17.55	5.17.55
Wings (3)	5.12.31	5.10.03
Wings (3)	5.12.31	5.10.03
Bluerose (7)	5.14.40	5.12.12
Benjum (1)	5.03.39	5.01.11
Adnaae (9)	5.21.05	5.18.37
Pierres (10)	5.23.38	5.20.33
Lola (4)	5.17.54	5.10.30
Thecla (5)	5.20.15	5.11.00

DIRECTION-FINDING AT SEA.

A CHAIN OF WIRELESS BEACONS.

The first of 14 wireless beacons in a general scheme of wireless direction-finding at sea has been erected at Round Island by the Trinity House authorities. Other beacons are in course of construction at Lundy Island and the Casquets. The Round Island beacon has already been taken into use. Unlike other means of navigation, wireless direction-finding is unaffected by weather conditions, such as the presence or absence of wind, rain or fog. Modern research on the subject has shown that up to ranges of from 50 to 100 miles for overseas working, wireless bearings are reliable at all times of the day or night.

In the early days of its development, the wireless direction-finder was usually situated on land, and a pair of land D.F. stations would work in collaboration to furnish observations of bearings or positions to ships which called up for that purpose. It was, perhaps, rather natural to find that the responsible navigator of a ship was disinclined to place reliance on bearings supplied by an unknown observer on shore, especially when the ship was experiencing bad weather. As a navigational instrument, the most desirable place for the direction-finder is obviously on board the ship itself, so that its use is under the direct control of the navigator. A considerable number of British ships have been equipped with a direction-finding installation during the past few years, and the apparatus is employed for taking bearings upon the ordinary coast transmitting stations and on other ships. On more than one occasion, the position of a ship in distress has been located by means of a direction-finder installed in another vessel proceeding to the rescue of the first.

The use of the instrument in this manner, however, entails a knowledge of the Morse Code, and its use thus lies practically in the hands of the wireless operator. A further disadvantage of the arrangement is that sometimes there is no suitable station transmitting at the time when a bearing is required. To overcome these drawbacks, a scheme for the installation of fixed beacon stations has been begun in this country. These stations will provide a series of transmissions at regular intervals, particularly during foggy and stormy weather to enable ships fitted with direction-finders to take bearings. The transmissions will be made for the purpose, and will take the form of a repetition of a simple Morse letter characteristic of the particular station transmitting. The ordinary ship's navigator can soon learn the Code form of this letter and, with a simply-operated receiver, is able to take his own bearings independently of the wireless operator. The beacons will work on a schedule that will enable a ship to take several bearings in the course of a few minutes and so fix its position.

The Round Island beacon in the Scilly Islands is near the light-house, and employs a simple valve transmitter of moderate power working to an ordinary open aerial. The running of the station is entirely automatic, even to the replacement of the transmitting valves in case of failure. The installation is maintained in working order by the staff of the light-house.—*Times.*

GOLF.

THE "GOVERNOR'S SHIELD."

FIRST ROUND NOW COMPLETED.

The first round of the "Governor's Shield" has now been completed, and the results are given below:—Kowloon-Canton Railway (C. D. Lambert, 18 and J. Smith, 11) beat B.A.T. Co. (S. M. Maas, 17 and F. Cowherd, 15), 3 and 2.

Canadian Pacific (Capt. Davison, 18 and T. C. Monaghan, 13) beat Govt. Medical Dept. (Mrs. Newton, 8 and Valentine, 12), 5 and 3.

Dodwell and Co. (T. G. Weall, 14 and L. G. S. Dodwell, 3) beat Linstead and Davis (S. T. Butlin, 11 and C. B. Brown, 19), 1 up.

Wilkinson and Grist (D. H. Blake, 15 and G. S. Hugh-Jones, 11) beat Mackinnon, Mackenzie (W. L. Dunbar, 8 and H. E. Standage, 18), 4 and 2.

Scots Guards (Capt. Erskine, scr. and Tynningham, scr.) beat Vacuum Oil Co. (I. H. Geare, 10 and A. Leach, 11), 3 and 2.

University (Professors Roffey, 10 and Raymond, 6) beat Harry Wickling & Co. (J. Owen Hughes, 18 and H. Remington, 18), at 2nd hole.

South British Insurance Co. (F. S. Harrison, 9 and J. F. Kennedy, 18) beat Bank Line (A. H. Penn, 18 and D. Forbes, 14), 2 and 2.

Education Department (F. J. de Rome, 7 and A. O. Brown, 10) beat Jardine, Matheson & Co. (W. R. Cornaby, 14 and A. Piercy, 18), 4 and 2.

A.P.C. (T. D. E. Pendered, 3 and R. Young, 8) beat Butterfield and Swire (W. Ironside, 9 and J. W. Robertson, 14), 1 up.

David Boag & Co. (J. D. Kinnaid, 9 and W. A. Stewart, 16) obtained a walk-over from Union Insurance Society (J. W. Alabaster, 12 and A. Sommerfeld, 12) who scratched.

Prison Dept. (J. W. Franks and H. F. Bloxham, 6) beat Charted Bank (T. L. Christie, 9 and D. J. Gilmore, 12), 2 and 1.

Johnson, Stokes and Master (L. R. Andrews, 5 and T. G. Bennett, 8) beat Royal Artillery (Capt. L. Gros, 8 and R. F. Wright, 11), 5 and 4.

P. W. D. (C. R. Robertson, 12 and A. E. Lissman, 5) obtained a walk-over from the R.A.S.C. (Capt. Morris, 6 and Drysdale, scr.), who scratched.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank (V. M. Grayburn, 10 and H. G. Hegarty, 10) v. R.A.M.C. (Majors Lynch, 12 and Stevenson, 14) drew a bye in the first round at the top end, and at the bottom end the China Underwriters (H. R. Sturt, 18 and A. J. Frank, 18) also obtained a bye.

The second round has to be completed on or before December 18th, the third round by January 3rd, 1928, the semi-final by January 15th, and the final by January 29th.

LAWN TENNIS.

U.S.R.C. TOURNAMENT.

FORTHCOMING COMPETITION.

The Annual Lawn Tennis Tournament at the United Services Recreation Club will be held during the winter months. The competition, which is open only to members and subscribers, their wives and families, and guests staying in their houses, comprises ten events, as follows:—

- Men's Open Singles Championship.
- Men's Open Doubles Championship.
- Ladies' Open Singles Championship.
- Ladies' Open Doubles Championship.
- Mixed Doubles Open Championship.
- Men's Singles Handicap.
- Men's Doubles Handicap.
- Ladies' Singles Handicap.
- Ladies' Doubles Handicap.
- Mixed Doubles Handicap.

Entries for the above close on Sunday, January 1st, 1928, and should be sent to Capt. G. F. Charles, the Hon. Secretary, c/o The Army Dental Corps, accompanied by a fee of \$3 for every Open event and \$2 for every Handicap event for each player.

The tournament will start on Friday, January 6th, and will continue until the beginning of March when the Annual "At Home" will bring it to a close. Last year the entries, 247 in number, constituted a record for the Club and several finals had to be decided after the "At Home." An effort will be made this year to conclude the tournament before the "At Home" and dates will be fixed for the completion of every round.

This is one of the most interesting local tournaments on account of the varied nature of the events, and some fine matches are expected. For the Men's Open Singles Championship, the trophy is the Challenge Cup given by Dr. R. E. Tottenham, a well known exponent. It must be won two years in succession to be held by the winner.

CHINESE PASSENGERS' TRAFFIC.

DEPARTURES IN EXCESS OF ARRIVALS.

No fewer than 3,887 more Chinese left the Colony than arrived during the month ended on November 30th. The following are the official figures:—

By Ocean-going	Arr.	Dep.
Steamers	52,893	52,229
River steamers	96,563	100,969
Junks & launches	9,537	9,698
Total	158,993	162,896



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WRONG MAN KILLED.

DECEIVED HUSBAND'S MISTAKE.

A PARIS TRAGEDY.

PARIS.

A husband's mad jealousy caused the death of an engineer who was a total stranger to him and innocent of any intrigue.

M. Pierre Largeteau, who was one of the leading young electrical engineers of France and a fertile inventor, was on the way to his office when he was accosted by a workman, who, standing in front of him, said: "Why did you take my wife away from me?"

"What are you talking about?" M. Largeteau demanded. "I don't know you."

"You have already gone away with her twice," said the workman. M. Largeteau shrugged his shoulders and, pushing the man aside, walked on. A moment later two revolver shots rang out and the engineer fell fatally wounded. After a desperate struggle with an angry crowd which wished to lynch the assassin, policemen took him to a police station, while the engineer was conveyed by ambulance to hospital, where he died.

At the police station the tragic mistake became known. The workman, who declared that he was a carpenter named Clion, said his wife had been unfaithful and had left him twice to go with a waiter named Marcel.

"I found the photograph of her lover," Clion said, "and I went to look for him. I thought I recognized him in the man I shot. That is why I killed him. I am sorry that I made a mistake."

Clion has been sent to prison to await his trial for murder. M. Largeteau leaves a young widow and two children.

THE FASCINATION OF CRIME.

MARQUIS CURZON'S "PASSION."

ANTHONY HOPE'S LIVELY REMINISCENCES.

Sir Anthony Hope Hawkins ("Anthony Hope"), author of "The Prisoner of Zenda," discloses in a volume of "Memories and Notes" (Hutchinson & Co.), that the late Marquis Curzon, famous as a Viceroy of India and as Foreign Secretary, had "a passion for crime."

Sir Anthony's wife discovered on a voyage home from Madeira Lord Curzon's taste, and "drew him out" one day while sitting on deck. The novelist says:—

"They sat swapping murders for two or three hours, while I, having stolen up surreptitiously, listened in the background. They talked their lips over each abominable atrocity as though it were Pommery 1900!"

The late H. B. Irving, the actor, was another friend of "Anthony Hope's" who had what he calls "this admiration for the art of eliminating inconvenient fellow-creatures," and he writes:—

"We were great friends, and he was an admirable companion, yet, as I sat talking to him, I could not avoid the conviction that he would much sooner have been conversing with Dr. Pritchard, Neil Cream, or Clippen."

Murder Trials.

"Anthony Hope," although he does not share it, agrees that the fascination of murder even for superior minds cannot be denied.

He adds:—

"But the peculiar atmosphere that pervades the court when a trial for murder is going on has, in the main, an emotional rather than an intellectual origin; that it exists, I think, undoubted; it infects even the Bar, which is, as a rule, only moderately interested in cases in which it is not briefed."

"And the emotion tends to centre not on the fact that a man has been killed—a man whom you never saw and who tends to become merely a starting-point in the case—but on the probability that a living, breathing man, who stands there, visible and in the midst, will be killed in a little while, and is now fighting a losing battle against the formidable machinery of the law."

Sir Henry Hawkins.

"Anthony Hope," who was at the Bar in his earlier days, was a nephew of the late Sir Henry Hawkins, the famous judge who took part as counsel in the Tichborne case, and as marshal "Anthony Hope" used to travel the assizes with him.

Sir Henry, he recalls, could sit for ten hours a day—he remembers a day of twelve hours at Birmingham Assizes—and "be as fresh as paint at the end," although he had all the doors and windows of the court kept closed the whole time and the atmosphere of the court was stifling.

On one occasion, when every chink had been closed, Sir Henry still detected fresh air, and it was discovered that there was a ventilator in the gallery. He ordered a police sergeant to sit on it.

"Anthony Hope" wrote "The Prisoner of Zenda," his most successful novel, in a month. He got the idea while walking back to the Temple from Westminster County Court.—*Ex.*

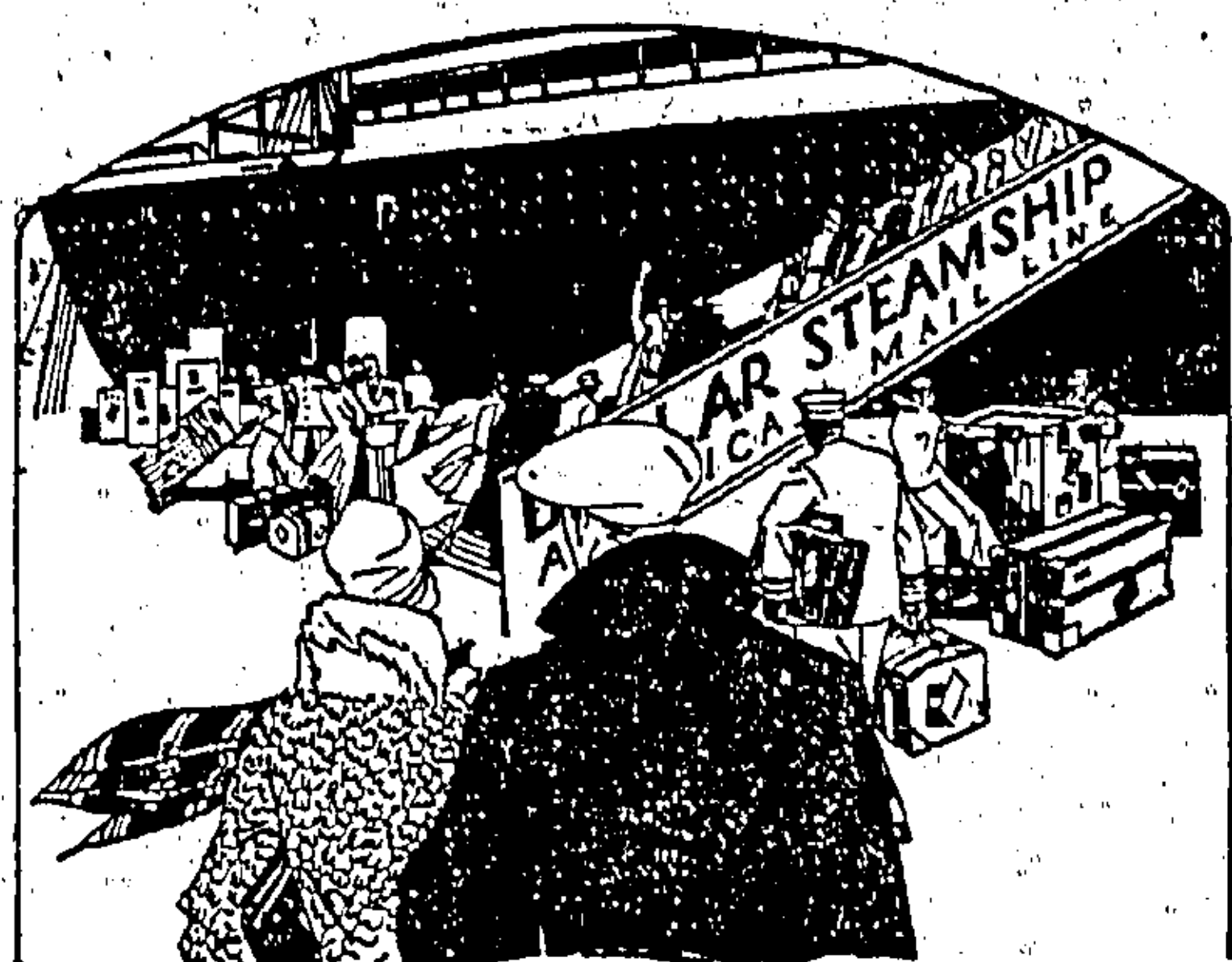
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PROPOSED 20 PER CENT. INCREASE IN RATES.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE INDO-CHINA S.N. CO.

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company recently announced that they proposed to increase passage and freight rates on the Sandakan-Hong Kong service by twenty per cent. as from November 1st.

The proposed increase was not welcomed by Borneo merchants and the matter was taken up by the North Borneo Chamber of Commerce.

It was pointed out that the existing rates for both freight and passages Sandakan-Hong Kong were already considerably higher than rates ruling for the Sandakan-Singapore run, which is an 8 day run compared with that of 5 days to Hong Kong, and a comparative statement was tabled which showed that the rates of The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. were already high compared with rates to the United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, and elsewhere.

On the other hand, the Chamber did not expect the owners to maintain the service at a loss for an indefinite period. Unfortunately the local Agents were not in position to place any figures before the Chamber in justification of the proposed increase, and after some discussion, the meeting decided to place the views of the Chamber before the local Agents, in the form of the following five resolutions:

(1) In view of the current freight rates Hong Kong-Sandakan being on a higher level generally to those current for similar carriage elsewhere, it is difficult for the Committee to understand how the service as at present supported can be operating at a loss. In order, therefore, that the Chamber can more readily understand the position, the Honorary Secretary be instructed to enquire of the Company's local Agents whether their Principals would be prepared to submit in confidence to the Chamber current operating results for the service substantiating the grounds upon which the increase is claimed.

(2) That, in view of forward commitments in certain trades and the heavy freight increase proposed at short notice, the Chamber express the hope that the Company will sympathetically consider withholding the introduction of the revised rates for the present, and that the local Agents be asked to immediately telegraph this request to their Principals.

(3) That an increase of 20 per cent. in freightage representing approximately with the war period increases 50 per cent. over pre-war rates for timber and 140 per cent. on ordinary general cargo is a very onerous levy on the general run of cargo exported from Sandakan and is calculated to seriously discourage trade with China of the present, and that the local Agents be asked to immediately telegraph this request to their Principals.

(4) The Chamber appreciate that it is unreasonable to expect any service to be indefinitely maintained upon an unremunerative basis and, if the Indo-China Line are agreeable to submit figures substantiating that the Sandakan service is still being operated at a loss, some form of general increase in rates to ensure a reasonable return on normal trading would be obvious have to be enforced. The Chamber expresses the hope, however, that a more modified revision than the proposed 20 per cent. increase will attain this end now that full cargoes are regularly carried on the northbound trips of the Company's steamers and quite normal inward manifests are obtained.

(5) That if the Company still insist upon enforcing a revision of cargo and passage rates, the Chamber trust that they will modify their present proposals by limiting the increase to 10 per cent. say from 1st January, 1928 and agree to withhold any further increase if the working then shows satisfactory results calculated over a normal period. The Company's Reply.

At a later meeting of the Chamber of Commerce it was reported that the Indo-China Line had decided to postpone the proposed increases in freight and passage rates until late in December, and at the same time they had agreed to submit in confidence to the Chamber detailed figures setting out the basis upon which they claimed that the proposed increases were necessary.

It was unanimously decided to ask the Sandakan Agents to convey to their Principals the thanks of the Chamber for the very fair way in which they had responded to the requests of the Chamber.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail and Dollar Lines, President Pierce, to-day.

Australian-Oriental Line, Changteh, Dec. 8th.

Taipei, Jan. 7th.

Bank Line, City of Peking, Dec. 24th.

City of Malacca, Jan. 21st.

City of Adelaide, Feb. 15th.

Ben Line, Bendoran, Dec. 12th.

Blue Funnel Line, Memura, to-day.

Cyclops, to-morrow.

Dioned, Dec. 13th.

Antenor, Dec. 16th.

Madison, Dec. 17th.

Helena, Dec. 20th.

Pyrrhus, Dec. 22nd.

Tudor, Dec. 25th.

Patroclus, Dec. 26th.

Ision, Dec. 30th.

Persius, Jan. 1st.

Myrmidon, Jan. 7th.

Rhesus, Jan. 8th.

Reactor, Jan. 13th.

Proteus, Jan. 17th.

Troilus, Jan. 22nd.

Nimrod, Jan. 31st.

Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.

Thyphus, Feb. 7th.

Aeneas, Feb. 13th.

Autolycus, Feb. 19th.

Achilles, Feb. 27th.

Medon, Feb. 28th.

Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.

Calchus, Mar. 4th.

Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.

British-India and Apar Line, Talma, to-morrow.

Garmula, Dec. 12th.

Tilava, Dec. 12th.

Canadian Pacific Line, Empress of Russia, Dec. 8th.

Dodwell & Co., Wray Castle, to-day.

Remo, Dec. 8th.

Calula, Dec. 13th.

Carly Castle, Jan. 1st.

Vimara, Jan. 25th.

Hoves Castle, Jan. 22nd.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen, Java, Jan. 15th.

Australien, Feb. 22nd.

Asia, Mar. 14th.

Eastern and Australian Lines, St. Albans, to-day.

Arafura, Jan. 2nd.

Tunda, Feb. 8th.

Furness (Far East), Ltd., Asiatic Prince, to-day.

Glen Line, Gleniffer, Dec. 8th.

Glenugie, Dec. 22nd.

Glenamoy, Jan. 21st.

Glenavilla, Jan. 22nd.

Glenapp, Feb. 2nd.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien, Vogland, Dec. 14th.

Ramess, Dec. 19th.

Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.

Oldenburg, Jan. 19th.

Havelland, Jan. 28th.

Macklenburg, Feb. 5th.

Holland East Asia Line, Zosma, Dec. 13th.

Oostkerk, Jan. 10th.

Java-China-Japan Lijn, Tijkenburg, Dec. 8th.

Tijsondard, Dec. 12th.

Tijbodas, Dec. 19th.

Tijstak, Dec. 19th.

Tijmannek, Dec. 22nd.

Tijlwoog, Jan. 2nd.

Tijsondard, Jan. 5th.

Messageries Maritimes, Portbus, to-day.

Andre Lebon, to-morrow.

Chenonceau, Dec. 21st.

Le St. Loubert-Bie, Dec. 23rd.

Anger, Jan. 4th.

W. Artagnan, Jan. 18th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Ceylon Maru, Dec. 8th.

Dakar Maru, Dec. 8th.

Asuka Maru, Dec. 9th.

Sado Maru, Dec. 10th.

Haruna Maru, Dec. 11th.

Tokushima Maru, Dec. 11th.

Yozuna Maru, Dec. 14th.

Onaka Maru, Dec. 14th.

Aki Maru, Dec. 15th.

Kamakura Maru, Dec. 15th.

Kakuya Maru, Dec. 17th.

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Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen, Koenigsberg, Dec. 11th.

Derfflinger, Dec. 19th.

Saarbruecken, Jan. 17th.

Coblentz, Feb. 14th.

Penninsular and Oriental, Morea, Dec. 8th.

Kuderpore, Dec. 9th.

Mantua, Dec. 9th.

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Jessanha, Dec. 23rd.

Delta, Dec. 31st.

Malwa, Jan. 6th.

Khyber, Jan. 8th.

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Macdonald, Feb. 3rd.

Rashmir, Feb. 17th.

Royal Packet Nav. Co. (K.P.N.), Van Heuts, to-morrow.

Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd., Canton, Jan. 5th.

SHIPBUILDING.

LLOYD'S ANNUAL REPORT.

MOTOR SHIPS INCREASING.

The annual report of Lloyd's Register of Shipbuilding for the year ended June 30th last takes account of twelve months of shipbuilding that were profoundly affected by the coal stoppage. Many fewer vessels were classed by the Society than in the previous year. They numbered 323, totalling 978,100 gross tons. Nevertheless, the Society has the satisfaction of recording that no less than 93 per cent. of the tonnage under construction in Great Britain at the end of June was being built to Lloyd's register classification. And it is not only in Great Britain that the Society commands such an unexampled influence. Roughly, half the merchant shipping on the seas holds the classification of Lloyd's register, which is a proud record for a voluntary society. In the result, there is actually more overseas tonnage holding Lloyd's register classification than in Great Britain, the figures being as follows:—

Gross tons.	
Great Britain and Ireland	13,749,600
British Dominions	1,314,800
Other countries	14,471,800
Total	29,536,200

This total of twenty-nine and a half million tons is the highest figure hitherto recorded, and with the addition of vessels under construction at the end of June it is increased by another two million tons.

Ups And Downs Of Shipbuilding.

It is gratifying to observe that, though only 987,100 tons of completed shipping were classed last year, the plans of new ships submitted to the Committee of Lloyd's Register represented nearly double this figure. The tonnage projected last year, amounting to 1,831,900 gross tons, was greater than in any year since 1919-20, and indeed, exceeded the figure for 1913-14. Comparative figures for several notable years are as follows:—

Gross tons.	
1913-14	1,650,000
1919-20	4,425,600
1921-22	230,900
1926-27	1,831,900

No figures could better illustrate the varying fortunes of shipbuilding than these. For the present, shipbuilding is on the increase. The ships projected last year are now being put in hand. Nevertheless, the future is for the moment a little doubtful, and it cannot with any certainty be predicted that there is room for a large increase in merchant shipping. The total steam and motor tonnage recorded in the last edition of Lloyd's Register Book amounted to 83,267,500 tons, which shows no falling-off from recent years, though there is no doubt a gradual depreciation in quality.

The Rise Of Motor Ships.

Of the 63,267,500 gross tons of merchant shipping in existence in the world, some 59,000,000 tons are steamships and 4,267,000 tons motorships. The last is the remarkable figure. In spite of a bad year in construction, motorships made the same stride as in past years, a stride of nearly 900,000 tons net increase in the year. The increase in motor tonnage under a quarter of a million tons before the war to three-quarters of a million tons following the war and thence to the present substantial figure is remarkable. Periodic figures are as follows:—

Gross tons.	
July, 1914	234,300
1919	752,608
1924	1,975,500
1925	2,714,073
1926	3,493,300
1927	4,270,900

There are now to be found in the current Register Book 241 motorships of over 6,000 tons each, aggregating more than 2,000,000 gross tons, and including 88 vessels of over 8,000 tons aggregating 958,000 tons. The two most notable motorships classed last year by Lloyd's Register were the Bibby liner *Shropshire*, of 10,560 tons, and the Gulf Refining Company's tanker *Gulpride*, of 12,500 tons.—*Eastern Engineering.*

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SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG"	On 10th Dec.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 11th Dec.	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 11th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"YINGCHOW"	On 11th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SINKIANG"	On 12th Dec.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	On 15th Dec.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SZECHUEN"	On 17th Dec.	6 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 18th Dec.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 18th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUNNING"	On 19th Dec.	5 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KURICHOW"	On 22nd Dec.	4 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANEOT"	On 26th Dec.	7 a.m.
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ARRIVALS.

December 4th.

Borneo, British str., 1,284 tons, Capt. J. H. van den Berg, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C43.—Shun Tai S.S. Co.

Edenton, American str., 5,437 tons, Capt. Michael Stenecto, from Port Arthur, U.S.A., and Shanghai. The latter port she left on November 30th, with kerosene and general cargo, amounting to 2,000 tons, lying at Stonecutters.—American Mail Line.

Hung On, Chinese str., 2,006 tons, Capt. A. Laihovetsky, from Port Camfa, which port she left on December 1st, with 1,800 tons of coal, lying at Yau-mai.—Wing Hung Co.

Liangchow, British str., 1,320 tons, Capt. W. J. Larter, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—B. & S.

Shantung, British str., 1,563 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Tjitaroom, Dutch str., 3,666 tons, Capt. J. J. Duit, from Dairen and Amoy, with a cargo of beans, lying at buoy No. A29.—J.C.C.L.

December 5th.

Empress of Canada, British str., 12,811 tons, Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.D., R.N.R., from Manila, which port she left on December 3rd, with a general cargo and hemp, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.R.

Kina, Danish str., 4,579 tons, Capt. P. Heisterberg, from Copenhagen and Sabang. The latter port she left on November 28th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3.—John Manners & Co.

President Madison, American str., 8,341 tons, Capt. Thos. Johnson, from Manila, which port she left on December 3rd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—American Mail Line.

Siberia Maru, Japanese str., 6,117 tons, Capt. S. Itoh, from San Francisco and Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 2nd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Sungshan Maru, Japanese str., 1,507 tons, Capt. G. Kawamura, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C19.—N.Y.K.

Tamba Maru, Japanese str., 3,353 tons, Capt. C. Hideshima, from Bombay via Singapore. The former port she left on November 17th, with 512 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Taming, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. G. D. Mills, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES.

December 5th.

Bintang, for Hoihow.

Cheong Shing, for Canton.

Huichow, for Weihaiwei.

Hydrangea, for Swatow.

Kina, for Shanghai.

Liangchow, for Swatow.

President Madison, for Shanghai.

Roko Maru, for Shanghai.

Shantung, for Amoy.

Sungshan Maru, for Canton.

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PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

Per s.s. Tamba Maru, from Bombay via Singapore, on December 5th.—Mr. L. A. Noronha, Mr. Yen Hon Ching, Mr. J. P. Mahuvawala, Mr. P. F. Mukad, Mr. J. do Froment, Mrs. R. de Froment, Mr. Kah Heng Long, Mrs. M. I. J. Madill, Master J. H. Madill, Mr. Chung Kung Yen, Mr. Chung Tung Ngue, and Mr. Yang Phouw Nam.

Per s.s. Empress of Canada, from Manila, on December 5th.—For Hong Kong: Mrs. D. Crovat, Mr. W. A. Mansfield, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. T. B. Bolsjos, Mrs. B. Cole, Mr. T. Kawata, Mr. K. Maejima, Mr. K. Murchison, Mr. M. M. Maas, Mr. Poon Ka, and Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Staple. Among passengers passing through Hong Kong were: Mr. C. W. Cumings, Mr. G. Van H. Hubar, Mr. F. Jordan, Mrs. Lambooy, Mr. A. P. Nazer, Mrs. C. W. Skeet, Dr. J. M. Tutt, Mrs. A. A. Young, Mr. H. Bertschy, Mr. A. A. Sherlock, Lieut. B. F. Staud, Mrs. A. Payor, Mr. R. C. Baldwin, Mrs. L. Maurin, Mrs. E. Opie.

Per s.s. President Madison, from Manila, on December 5th.—For Hong Kong: Miss E. K. Armstrong, Miss H. Boettger, Mr. F. T. Freitag, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Kingsley, Mr. E. Lewis, Mr. E. W. Lattie, Mrs. H. F. McGregor, Mr. A. R. Peck, Mr. A. E. Phillips, Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Reichelderfer, and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Robertson. Among passengers passing through Hong Kong were: Lieut. Comdr. Thos. Anderson, Mr. A. A. Bryan, Capt. W. Berthoff, Ensign J. J. Cunningham, Mrs. H. M. Davis, Master F. Davis, Miss H. Davis, Mr. Frank Deikoff, Lieut. and Mrs. Richard P. Glass, Miss A. E. Glass, Capt. Ross L. Lams, Lieut. Comdr. J. C. Lough, Mrs. A. G. Mays, Lieut. Comdr. A. R. Marron, Mr. D. W. Murphy, Major H. I. Parsons, Lieut. A. H. Pierson, Lieut. W. W. Pace, and Lieut. Comdr. P. S. Sullivan, for Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Webber, for Kobe; Mr. E. A. Popp and Mr. H. S. Reynolds, for Honolulu; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bentley, Jr., Mrs. J. Heaton, Miss I. Heaton, Mrs. S. C. Post, Mr. E. S. Moore, Mrs. S. C. Post, Mr. and Mrs. V. Richards, Mr. J. Stause, Mrs. J. S. Waddington, and Master Jns. S. Waddington, for San Francisco; Mrs. C. V. Allan, Master D. Allan, Sister Mary K. McMahon, Mrs. C. B. Eager, Mr. Jones Sixto, Mrs. M. M. Tingley, Mrs. V. T. Westfall, and Miss M. Westfall, for Los Angeles.

Departures.

Per s.s. Tamba, on December 2nd, for Manila and Australia.—Mrs. A. H. Sanders, Miss A. Sanders, Master A. Sanders, Mr. W. G. Crokan, Miss C. Beck, Capt. and Mrs. P. Y. Angus, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cutten, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Warren, Mr. L. Gibson-Dudley, Mr. H. Nakai, Mr. K. Tamada, Mrs. A. Zaragoza, Miss C. Busto, Mrs. R. Salvador, Miss E. Salvador, Miss A. Salvador, Master J. Salvador, Mrs. R. Soto, Master A. Soto.

Taikwa, for Hoihow.

Tak Hing, for Macao.

Tamba Maru, for Shanghai.

Tikini, for Amoy.

Tonger, for Chinwangtao.

Vestland, for Whampoa.

Wai Shing, for Canton.

ROMAN DISCOVERIES IN YORK.

A SECOND CENTURY BARRACKS.

Discoveries which suggest entirely new conceptions of Roman York have been made. In some gardens close to the Minster and immediately below the medieval City wall, excavators have found a section of the fourth century Roman wall still standing to a height of 18ft., with a tower of the same date, 15ft. square and 14ft. high, projecting in front of it in the usual fourth century style.

In addition to this unique monument and to the Roman corner tower already discovered near Monk Bar, digging has revealed inside the wall the remains of a block of Roman barracks, apparently built early in the second century and demolished by the Romans or by the action of an enemy, with the ground levelled over their foundations long before the fourth century wall was built.

The plan of the block suggests that it formed the inner member of a pair of barrack blocks, and that the line of the early Roman fortress was further out than the line of the fourth century fortress. The excavators hope, in the future, to discover a multiangular tower at the north corner of the fortress.

IN TOUCH.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—

St. Albans, Chenan, President Pierce, President Adams, Talma, Van Heuts, Huichow, Kinyuan, Hozan Maru, Siberia Maru, Hamburg Maru, Asiatic Prince, Ho Nang, Chak Sang Hermelin, and Chulopha.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 5th.

Day	Previous Day	On Day	On Date
at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.

Barometer...	30.09	30.10	30.01
Temperature...	70	68	65
Humidity...	73	80	88

Wind...	E	ENE	West
Direction...	3	2	3
Force...	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rain...	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air temperature, 4th: 71. Lowest open-air temperature, 4th: 66.

B=Blue sky; O=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 6th to 12th, 1927.

Day of Week	Day of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
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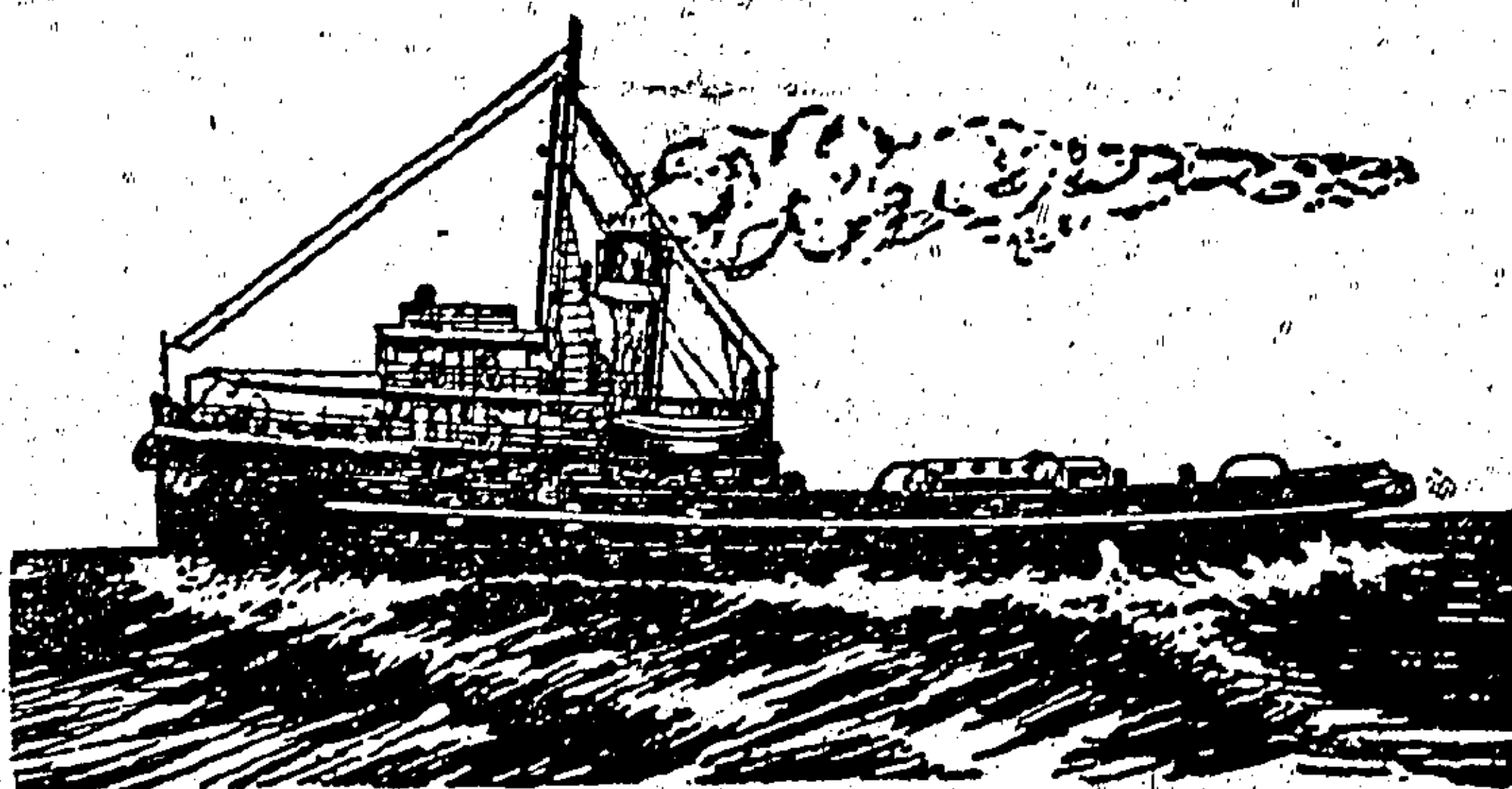
Tues.	6	7 m. 27 s.	1.18	1.08	2.6
Wed.	7	8 m. 27 s.	1.10	1.02	2.7
Thurs.	8	9 m. 27 s.	1.45	1.38	3.0
Fri.	9	10 m. 27 s.	2.13	2.03	3.2
Sat.	10	11 m. 27 s.	2.50	2.38	3.4
Sun.	11	12 m. 27 s.	3.21	3.08	3.6
Mon.	12	1 p.m. 27 s.	3.52	3.38	3.8

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TIENTSIN via WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO	"CHEONGSHING"	Satur., 10th Dec., at 5 p.m.
CANTON	"WAISHING" "CHEUNGSHING"	Tues., 8th Dec., at 3 a.m. Tues., 8th Dec., at 3 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tues., 13th Dec., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Thurs., 22nd Dec., at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI via AMOI	"FOOKSANG"	Tues., 13th Dec., at 7 a.m.

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Steamship "GLENSANDA"	(via Oran)	7th March, "

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Steamship "GLENSANDA"	...	26th January, "
Motor Vessel "GLENAPP"	...	2nd February, "

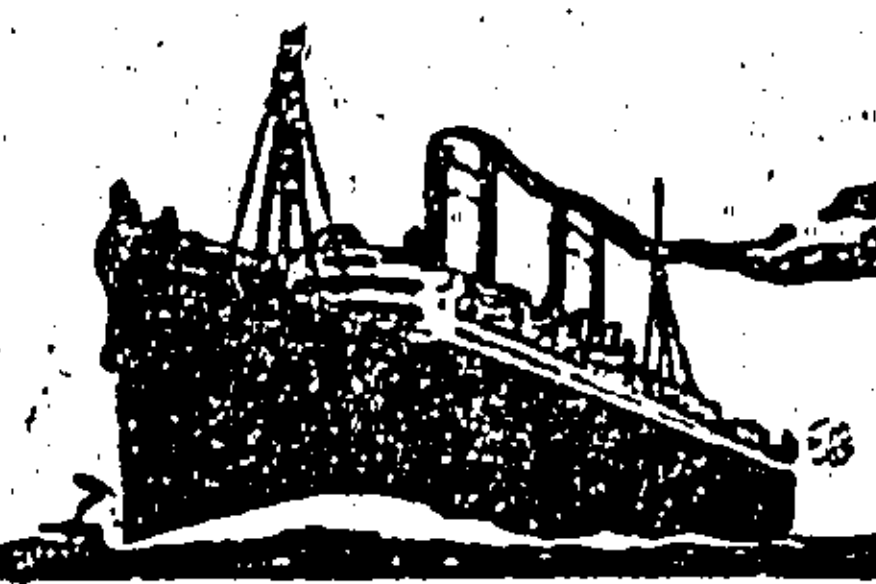
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s.s. "TRIET"	19th Dec., 1927.	17th Dec., 1927.
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HAKUSAN MARU ... Saturday, 31st Dec.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 31st Dec.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 18th Jan., 1928.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

SADO MARU ... Monday, 12th Dec.

GENOA MARU ... Tuesday, 27th Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

RAKUYO MARU ... Friday, 23rd Dec.

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ASUKA MARU ... Saturday, 10th Dec.

TAKAKA MARU ... Wednesday, 21st Dec.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

DAKAB MARU ... Friday, 8th Dec.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Monday, 12th Dec.

AKITA MARU ... Monday, 19th Dec.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront
News, etc.YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT
RETURNS.

ONLY FIVE ARRIVALS.

LITTLE CARGO.

The returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed that only five vessels had arrived into port, and cargo for the Colony and for other ports was considerably below the average.

There were only 2,496 tons of freights landed here, of which, 699 tons were contributed by two British ships. The only four figure return was 1,800 tons of coal from Camfa Port by the s.s. *Hung On*.

Through freights amounted to 4,646 tons. Four British steamers accounted for 2,338 tons, and one Chinese vessel was responsible for the balance. The two best returns were 2,300 tons of coal by the s.s. *Hung On* from Port Camfa, and 1,388 tons of general merchandise by the s.s. *Wai Shing* (British) from Shanghai and Swatow.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	2
Chinese	1	2
Japanese	0	4
Dutch	0	1
American	0	1
Norwegian	0	2
Total	5	12

The Carriers.

S.S. *Wai Shing* (British) from Shanghai and Swatow, 451 tons general for Hong Kong and 1,388 tons through.

S.S. *Liang Chow* (British) from Canton, 230 tons general through.

S.S. *Shantung* (British) from Shanghai and Canton, 300 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Empress of Canada* (British) from Manila, 248 tons general for Hong Kong and 400 tons through.

S.S. *Hung On* (Chinese) from Camfa Port, 1,800 tons coal for Hong Kong and 2,300 tons through.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th
MERIDIAN, EAST OF
GREENWICH.

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
December 6th..8.40 a.m.	5.39 p.m.	
" 7th..8.50 "	5.39 "	
" 8th..8.51 "	5.39 "	
" 9th..8.51 "	5.39 "	
" 10th..8.52 "	5.39 "	
" 11th..8.52 "	5.40 "	
" 12th..8.53 "	5.40 "	
" 13th..8.54 "	5.40 "	
" 14th..8.54 "	5.41 "	
" 15th..8.55 "	5.41 "	
" 16th..8.55 "	5.42 "	
" 17th..8.56 "	5.42 "	
" 18th..8.57 "	5.43 "	
" 19th..8.57 "	5.43 "	
" 20th..8.58 "	5.43 "	
" 21st..8.58 "	5.44 "	
" 22nd..8.59 "	5.44 "	
" 23rd..8.59 "	5.44 "	
" 24th..7.00 "	5.45 "	
" 25th..7.00 "	5.46 "	
" 26th..7.00 "	5.46 "	
" 27th..7.01 "	5.47 "	
" 28th..7.01 "	5.47 "	
" 29th..7.02 "	5.48 "	
" 30th..7.02 "	5.48 "	
" 31st..7.03 "	5.49 "	

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

TAKOO DOCKS BUSY.

[BY LONGSTREMAN.]

The Chinese vessel *Derwent* went into Takoo Dock yesterday to have the final touches put to her annual overhaul. She had been in the hands of the Takoo Docks at Yaumati for the last two months.

The Portuguese gunboat *Patria* is coming to Kowloon Docks from Macao for general overhaul.

The s.s. *Hoi Cheong* has also gone into docks at Shamshuipo yesterday for repairs.

Around The World.

Last Friday the R.M.S. *Empress of Australia* began her round-the-world tour for the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., from New York. She is due at Hong Kong on February 10th, and three days will be spent here, after which she will go to Shanghai. After doing the usual round of ports, the *Empress of Australia* will reach New York again on April 15th. This liner, of course, was formerly on the Pacific run, and is well known at this port.

Steamer And Junk Collide.

In a report made to the Harbour Authorities, the master of the s.s. *Las Vegas* stated that while the vessel was coming into Hong Kong harbour, two junks crossed her bows, and she collided with one of them causing minor damages to the junk.

Marine Court.

At the Marine Court yesterday, two Chinese girls were charged before Commander G. F. Hole with boarding the s.s. *Las Vegas*, while the vessel was in harbour, without permission. Both defendants on pleading guilty were fined \$10 each and as their object of going on board the ship was an improper one they were also ordered to report themselves to the S.C.A. The master of the steam launch *Wing Cheong* was fined \$20 for failing to observe the rules of the fairway. This was stated to be his second offence.

Chinese Deck Passengers.

Chinese deck passengers numbering 164 were brought into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:

South Wall Basin: *Peterel*, *Tern*, *East Wall Basin*, S/Ms. *L.L. 1*, *L.L. 2*, *L.L. 3*, *North Arm*, *Argus*, *Francis*, *West Wall Dock*, *Titanium*, *Wier*, S/Ms. *L.L. 3*, *Witherington*, *In Dock*, *Nessus*, *Stormcloud*, *Sterling*, *Cicada*, *Oil Fuel Jetty*, S/M. *L.L. 5*, No. 2 Buoy, *Wolverine*, No. 3 Buoy, *Bluebell*, No. 4 Buoy, *Herald*, No. 6 Buoy, *Trogon*, No. 8 Buoy, *Ambruse*, S/Ms. *L.L. 1*, *L.L. 2*, *L.L. 3*, No. 9 Buoy, *Marsden*, No. 10 Buoy, *Seraph*, No. 11 Buoy, *Seraph*, *Sitar*, No. 12 Buoy, *Brace*, No. 19 Buoy, *Belgo*, No. 20 Buoy, *Veteran*, No. 23 Buoy, *Khark*, No. 23 Buoy, *Ruthenia*, Foreign Men of War—U.S.S. *Pampanga*, French, *Argus*.

RESCUE OF DERELICT
CREWS.GOOD WORK BY "PRESIDENT
ADAMS."TWO SINKING SHIPS
ENCOUNTERED.

The Dollar round-the-world liner *President Adams* which arrived at Shanghai last Tuesday, and at Hong Kong on Saturday, had the unusual experience since leaving New York on October 13th, of saving the crews of two derelict vessels.

At 5 p.m. on October 18th, en route from Havana to the Panama Canal, the American four-masted schooner *William E. Burnham* from Mobile, Alabama, was sighted flying a distress signal. Upon approach it was learned that she had become water-logged during a storm and was rapidly sinking. The captain and crew of 12 were taken off the sinking schooner and taken to Cristobal, and the schooner, after being abandoned, was set on fire. The vessel had been 22 days out from Trinidad and was bound for Tampa, Florida with a cargo of asphalt.

On November 2nd, at 10 a.m., the Japanese m.v. *Heiwa Maru* of Wakayama was sighted some 830 miles from the Japanese coast. She was flying a flag of distress. The vessel had left with a cargo of lumber from Wakayama for Osaka and had discharged her cargo at the latter port, leaving her home port with a cargo of rice on November 3rd. During the following day she ran into heavy weather with the result that her propeller shaft and rudder were smashed by the heavy seas, leaving the vessel in a helpless condition. Captain Junichi and two sailors kept themselves alive by melting ice for drinking water and eating soft boiled rice and fish once a day in small quantities. When rescued they had one more day's rations. The vessel was abandoned and the crew were brought to Kobe.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* arrived at Shanghai at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, and leaves at 6 a.m. today (Tuesday). She is due at Hong Kong on Thursday morning. The P. & O. s.s. *Morice* left Singapore for Hong Kong on Sunday at 9 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on Thursday about noon.

The Ben Line s.s. *Benadoran*, from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here on the 12th inst.

The m.v. *Remo* (Dodwell & Co.), sailed from Singapore on the 2nd inst., and is expected here on the 3rd inst.

The s.s. *Calula* (Dodwell & Co.), sailed from Rabaul on November 30th, and is due here on December 13th.

The s.s. *Corby Castle* (Dodwell & Co.), sailed from Honolulu on November 26th, and is due in Manila on January 1st.

The m.v. *Vinivale* (Dodwell & Co.), sailed from Aden on the 5th inst., and is due here on January 5th.

The s.s. *Buena Vista* (Dodwell & Co.), sailed from New York on November 29th, and is due here on January 22nd.

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"CITY OF BENARES" ... London, Rotterdam & Hamburg ... 20th "

AUSTRALIA ... SINGAPORE/AUSTRALIA

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* HIVEZAN	4,814	12th Dec.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay.
* KRIVA	8,132	17th Dec.	Straits and Bombay.
* KASHGAR	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hall.
* MOREA	10,953	7th Jan., 1928	Marseilles and London.
* KALYAN	9,144	7th Jan. "	Straits and Bombay.
* DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan. "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* MALWA	10,988	4th Feb. "	Marseilles and London.
* KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb. "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar. "	Marseilles and London.
* KRIVA	9,135	10th Mar. "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar. "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar. "	Marseilles and London.
* MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar. "	do
* KALYAN	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* MONGOLIA	15,504	14th April	Marseilles and London.
* MOREA	10,953	21st April	do
* KASHGAR	9,005	13th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
* MALWA	10,988	20th May	Marseilles and London.
* DEVANHA	8,155	8th June	do
* MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd June	do

* Not carrying Passengers.

† Passengers to Singapore only.

Frequent connections from Port Said for Passengers and Cargo to Constantinople, Pireus, Smyrna, and other Levant Ports by steamers of the Rhodian Mail Steamship Co.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

Steamship	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
* TALMA	10,000	7th Dec.	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
* TILAWA	10,000	14th Dec.	do

B.I.—Apcar Line steamers have excellent accommodation for 1st and 2nd class passengers. All steamers are fitted with wireless and carry a qualified surgeon.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

Steamship	Tons.	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
* ST. ALBANS	4,500	30th Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday
* KALAFURA	6,000	27th Jan., 1928	Island, Townsville, Brisbane
* TANDA	6,558	2nd Mar. "	Sydney and Melbourne.

* Calls at Port Holland.

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hong Kong to Japan & Hong Kong to Australia. The E. & A. S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Hanko, Cebu, Kolambangan, Tawau, Timor, Durian, or other ports en route as indicated.

Frequent connections from Australia with the following:—
The Union S.S. Co.'s Steamers to the United Kingdom via New Zealand, Vancouver, San Francisco, etc.

The P. & O. Royal Mail Steamers to London via Suez Canal.
The P. & O. Branch Service of Steamers to London via the Cape.
The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	6th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"MOREA"	10,953	9th Dec. 8 a.m.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"GARMULA"	6,254	14th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KALYAN"	9,144	14th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"DEVANHA"	8,155	24th Dec.	do
"DELTA"	8,097	1st Jan., 1928	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KALAFURA"	6,000	3rd Jan., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,988	7th Jan., "	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KHYBER"	9,114	21st Jan., "	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KRIVA"	9,135	28th Jan., "	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th Feb., "	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TANDA"	6,558	7th Feb., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"KASHMIR"	8,985	18th Feb., "	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Feb., "	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,946	2nd Mar., "	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	6th Mar., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Mar., "	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MOREA"	10,953	30th Mar., "	do
"KASHGAR"	9,096	13th April, "	do
"MALWA"	10,988	27th April, "	do
"DEVANHA"	8,155	11th May, "	do
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd May, "	do

